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M.A., Sem.-I
403 : English
(Indian Writing in English)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. Answer any **two** Long Answers of the following : **28**
- (a) Discuss at length the rise of Indian English novel and the contribution of the trio of R. K. Narayan, Mulk Raj Anand and Raja Rao towards the same.
- (b) Critically evaluate the character of Krishna as presented in R. K. Narayan's *The English Teacher*.
- (c) Explain in detail the meanings of myth, symbol and displacement discussed by Northrop Frye in his essay 'Myth, Fiction and Displacement'.
- (d) Critically evaluate the theme of *Yayati*.
2. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : **14**
- (a) Character of Moorthy.
- (b) Significance of the title of the Novel *Midnight's Children*.
- (c) Jaya's quest for self in *That Long Silence*.
- (d) Character of Estha as presented in *The God of Small Things*.
3. Choose the correct alternative from the option given below each : **14**
- (1) What is the name of the protagonist in Mulk Raj Anand's *Untouchable* ?
- (a) Bakha (b) Raka
- (c) Shyam (d) Raju
- (2) Which of the following novels is not written by Mulk Raj Anand ?
- (a) The Big Heart (b) Swami
- (c) The Village (d) Coolie

- (3) Mulk Raj Anand was conferred with which of the following highest awards ?
- (a) Padma Sri (b) Param Vir Chakra
(c) Padma Bhushan (d) Kamal Padma
- (4) Which novel written by Raja Rao won him Sahitya Akademy Award in 1964 ?
- (a) India - A Fable (b) Akkayya
(c) Comrade Kirrilov (d) The Serpent and the Rope
- (5) Which novel authored by Raja Rao is written under the influence of Gandhi ?
- (a) Kanthapura (b) The Cat and Shakespeare
(c) The Chessmaster (d) Lone Silence
- (6) Raja Rao was conferred with which highest civilian award in India ?
- (a) Sahitya Akademy Award (b) Padma Vibhushan
(c) Noble Prize (d) Padma Bhushan
- (7) What is the name of the fictional town R. K. Narayan depicts in his novels ?
- (a) Mysore (b) Dilli
(c) Malgudi (d) Hampi
- (8) Which novel authored by R. K. Narayan won him Sahitya Akademy Award ?
- (a) The Financial Expert (b) Swami and Friends
(c) The Vendor of Sweets (d) The Guide
- (9) The novel The English Teacher is a part of trilogy written by R. K. Narayan. Swami and the Friends is the other one. Which is the third novel ?
- (a) The Bachelor of Arts (b) The Guide
(c) Mr. Sampath (d) Malgudi Days
- (10) Which famous author mentored R. K. Narayan's works initially ?
- (a) William Faulkner (b) Graham Greene
(c) Northrop Fry (d) Raja Rao
- (11) In which year was The English Teacher published ?
- (a) 1964 (b) 1945
(c) 1946 (d) 1954

- (12) Which of the following plays is not written by Girish Karnad ?
- (a) Tughlaq (b) Hayavadana
(c) Tale Danda (d) Cyclist
- (13) Northrop Frye belongs to which country ?
- (a) Canada (b) USA
(c) England (d) France
- (14) Which of the following works by Northrop Frye is considered to be important contribution to criticism ?
- (a) Anatomy of Literature (b) Anatomy of Criticism
(c) Literary Critikon (d) Literary Criterion

4. Answer in brief any **seven** of the following questions :

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- (1) The title *The God of Small Things*.
 - (2) Use of myth in *Yayati*.
 - (3) The end of the Novel *The English Teacher*.
 - (4) Theme of Gandhi explored in the novels of the trio.
 - (5) The end of the novel *Kanthapura*.
 - (6) The significance of the words 'long silence' in *That Long Silence*.
 - (7) Narrative technique adopted by Salman Rushdie.
 - (8) Use of Humour and tragedy in R. K. Narayan's *The English Teacher*.
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