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AE-126

April-2016

B.A., Sem.-VI

CC-314 : English

(EA : American Literature)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. Trace the various symbolical meanings in 'The Old Man and the Sea'. **14**

OR

Draw the Character sketch of Santiago.

2. (a) Describe in detail, the treatment meted out to the blacks before the American Civil War. **14**

OR

(b) Write short notes on :

- (1) Critically appreciate the story 'Dr. Heidegger's experiment'.
(2) The Narrator's guilt in 'The Black Cat'.

3. Critically appreciate the poem 'The Road Not Taken'. **14**

OR

Write about the central theme of the poem 'The Negro Mother'.

4. Show your acquaintance with any **seven** of the following works by writing the name of the writer, the date of publication, the form of work and the age/period to which it belongs to : **14**

- (1) The Scarlet Letter
(2) Beloved
(3) The Portrait of a Lady
(4) The Great Gatsby
(5) Uncle Tom's Cabin
(6) Desire under the Elms
(7) For Whom the Bell Tolls
(8) I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
(9) Death of a Salesman

- (8) What did Dr. Heidegger caution his guests about before drinking the liquid ?
- (a) To drink only one glass
 - (b) To not make the mistakes of their youth again
 - (c) To be wary of untrustworthy friends
 - (d) To never believe in superstitions
- (9) How old was Aunt Rachel ?
- (a) Seventy years
 - (b) Fifty years
 - (c) Sixty years
 - (d) None of the above
- (10) What had been done to the two roads by those passing ?
- (a) Worn them equally
 - (b) Made hoof marks with their horses
 - (c) Strewn them with litter
 - (d) Plucked all the flowers alongside
- (11) The poet's heart is bleeding because :
- (a) The exciting voyage is over
 - (b) The people are not exulting over him
 - (c) His captain is dead
 - (d) His ship is worn out
- (12) What couldn't the mother do ?
- (a) Read and write
 - (b) Debate and argue
 - (c) Drive a car and ride a horse
 - (d) Sing and pray
- (13) Moby Dick was published in _____
- (a) 1831
 - (b) 1841
 - (c) 1851
 - (d) 1861
- (14) The Color Purple is written by _____
- (a) Henry James
 - (b) Mark Twain
 - (c) Arthur Miller
 - (d) Alice Walker
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- Instructions :** (1) All the questions are compulsory.
(2) Mention clearly the options you attempt.
(3) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

1. Evaluate Oedipus Rex as the perfect Greek tragedy. **14**

OR

Describe Oedipus as a great tragic hero who is ruined by ego and narrow-mindedness.

2. Survey Shūdraka's the Little Clay Cart as a comedy with themes of compassion, community and shared responsibility. **14**

OR

Describe Vasantsena as the heroine of the Little Clay Cart.

3. 'In Les Misérables, Hugo asserts that loving others and having compassion for them is not a thankless task'. – Discuss. **14**

OR

Describe Valjean's transformation from a hate-filled and hardened criminal into a well-respected philanthropist.

4. Show your acquaintance in detail for any **two** of the mentioned below : **14**

- (1) *Antigone*
(2) *Divine Comedie*
(3) *The Trial*
(4) *Urubhanga (The Broken Thigh)*

5. Choose the correct option from those given in bracket against each :

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- (1) What is Creon's relationship to Jocasta ?
(a) Brother (b) Father
(c) Son (d) Uncle
- (2) What does Oedipus use to stab out his own eyes ?
(a) Knives
(b) Sticks
(c) The brooches from Jocasta's robe
(d) The horns of a sacrificial bull
- (3) Where was Laius killed ?
(a) On a one-lane bridge
(b) Between a rock and a hard place
(c) In the mountains of Corinth
(d) At a three-way crossroads
- (4) Which of the following deaths occurs onstage ?
(a) Creon's (b) Oedipus's
(c) Jocasta's (d) None of these deaths occurs onstage.
- (5) Charudatta is respected by everybody for his _____
(a) intellect (b) generousness
(c) richness (d) scholarship
- (6) Vasantasena famed for her beauty and _____
(a) noble qualities (b) dance
(c) oratory (d) bravery
- (7) _____ was Charudatta's son.
(a) Shakara (b) Rohasena
(c) Maitreya (d) Aryaka
- (8) _____ saves a child from a rogue elephant.
(a) a poor man (b) a soldier
(c) an elephant keeper (d) Charudatta
- (9) Fantine's misfortunes are rooted in her naïveté and _____
(a) lack of confidence (b) a bad company
(c) a poor education (d) government policies

- (10) No one is willing to give Valjean shelter because he is _____
(a) an uneducated (b) an ex-convict.
(c) a belonged to a lower caste (d) a poor
- (11) Why does Myriel let Valjean spend the night in his house ?
(a) He thinks that Valjean has money
(b) Because Valjean once saved Myriel's life
(c) He wants to treat his fellow man with kindness and respect
(d) He wants to convert Valjean to Christianity
- (12) As bishop of Digne, Myriel strives to compensate for the vast inequalities between the _____
(a) educated and uneducated
(b) the most powerful and the powerless
(c) employed and unemployed
(d) rich and poor
- (13) The Iliad was composed by _____
(a) Sophocles (b) Shakespeare
(c) Homer (d) Tolstoy
- (14) Kalidas authored _____
(a) Uttaramacharita (b) Mahabharata
(c) Shishupalvadh (d) Shakuntala
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1. Critically evaluate Imtiaz Dharkar as the poet representing conflicts through her poetry. **14**

OR

Critically appreciate the following poems :

- (1) Adam's Daughter
(2) Living Space

2. Write a detailed note on the theme of alienation treated by Margaret Atwood in *Surfacing*. **14**

OR

Critically evaluate the character of the Narrator in *Surfacing* by Margaret Atwood.

3. Write in detail about the theme of tradition and customs treated by Chinua Achebe in *Arrow of God*. **14**

OR

Prepare a detailed note on the character of Ezeulu as presented in Chinua Achebe's *Arrow of God*.

4. Show your acquaintances with any **two** of the following : **14**

- (1) Burger's Daughter
(2) Grass is Singing
(3) Disgrace
(4) A House for Mr. Biswas

5. Choose the correct option from those given below each question : **14**

(1) In which country was Imtiaz Dharkar born?

- (a) USA (b) Britain
(c) Pakistan (d) India

- (2) Which of the following collection of poems is not written by Imtiaz Dharkar ?
 (a) I speak to the Devil (b) Purdah
 (c) Leaving Fingerprints (d) Hymns in Darkness
- (3) In which year was *Surfacing*, the novel by Margaret Atwood, published ?
 (a) 1972 (b) 1971
 (c) 1970 (d) 1973
- (4) What is the name of the boyfriend of the unnamed protagonist in *Surfacing* ?
 (a) David (b) Joe
 (c) Paul (d) Tom
- (5) Margaret Atwood belongs to which country ?
 (a) India (b) France
 (c) Canada (d) USA
- (6) Which of the following novels is not written by Margaret Atwood ?
 (a) The Edible Woman (b) Life Before Man
 (c) Cat's Eye (d) The Guide
- (7) *Arrow of God* is a part of which trilogy ?
 (a) African Trilogy (b) Tragic Trilogy
 (c) Nigerian Trilogy (d) Achebe Trilogy
- (8) In which year is *Arrow of God* written ?
 (a) 1962 (b) 1964
 (c) 1965 (d) 1963
- (9) Which people the novel *Arrow of God* represent ?
 (a) Igibo (b) Bigo
 (c) Igbo (d) Gibo
- (10) In which year was *The Solid Mandala*, authored by Patrick White, published ?
 (a) 1967 (b) 1965
 (c) 1968 (d) 1966
- (11) With which highest literary prize in Nadine Gordimer was awarded ?
 (a) Booker's Award (b) The Noble Prize
 (c) Pulitzer Prize (d) Bharat Ratna
- (12) In which country was Bessie Head born ?
 (a) South Africa (b) America
 (c) Nigeria (d) England
- (13) In which year was *The Stone Angel* published ?
 (a) 1966 (b) 1963
 (c) 1964 (d) 1965
- (14) James Reaney is the _____ writer.
 (a) British (b) African
 (c) Indian (d) Canadian