

Seat No. : _____

N30-102
December-2014
M.A., Sem.-I
404 : English
(Women's Writing)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instruction : All questions carry equal marks.

- I. Discuss the role of the narrator in discussing the history of writing about and by women, in *A Room of One's Own*. **14**

OR

Comment critically on the difficulties triggered by the confessional nature of Kamala Das's poetry and on the struggles she faces as a woman.

- II. Discuss Barbara Smith's use of Toni Morrison's texts to illustrate her points about black lesbian writing. **14**

OR

Write a detailed note on the process of scapegoating of Pecola and Claudia's evolving understanding of it.

- III. Show your acquaintance with any **two** of the following : **14**

- (a) Lihaaf
- (b) Moving On
- (c) Seven Steps in the Sky
- (d) Purdah I

- IV. Answer briefly : **14**

- (a) What were Mary Beaton's first two experiences in Oxbridge ?
- (b) How does Barbara Smith's essay begin ?
- (c) Who is Darlene ?
- (d) How does Kamala Das describe her grandmother's house ?
- (e) Who is Bob and how does he die ?
- (f) Who is Soaphead Church ?
- (g) Note four elements in Kamala Das's poetry which make it 'confessional'.

V. Select the correct option :

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- (1) Lunch at the men's college is
 - (a) quiet
 - (b) poor entertainment
 - (c) poor fare
 - (d) a gourmet's delight
- (2) Woolf talks about Olivia liking
 - (a) Judith
 - (b) Jane
 - (c) John
 - (d) Chloe
- (3) Barbara Smith's essay is an attempt to counter the _____ of Black women writers.
 - (a) view
 - (b) silence
 - (c) invisibility
 - (d) work
- (4) The narrator of A Room of One's Own is not allowed to go into the
 - (a) library
 - (b) college
 - (c) school
 - (d) house
- (5) Among the white feminist critics who ignored Black women writers, Smith mentions
 - (a) Virginia Woolf
 - (b) Elaine Showalter
 - (c) Toni Morrison
 - (d) Jean Rhys
- (6) Pecola drinks milk out of the _____ mug.
 - (a) white
 - (b) blue
 - (c) Shirley Temple
 - (d) Mary Jane
- (7) Frieda was molested by :
 - (a) a black boy
 - (b) her father
 - (c) Mr. Henry
 - (d) Soaphead Church
- (8) Kamala Das speaks of going to strangers' doors to ask for love in
 - (a) despair
 - (b) small change
 - (c) its completeness
 - (d) its entirety
- (9) Cholly travels to Macon by
 - (a) bus
 - (b) cat
 - (c) train
 - (d) plane
- (10) The doctors compare a black woman giving birth to a
 - (a) mare
 - (b) white woman
 - (c) dog
 - (d) cat
- (11) Cholly's aunt's name is
 - (a) Johnny
 - (b) Johnsy
 - (c) Jimmy
 - (d) Jane
- (12) Madhavikutty is Kamala Das's :
 - (a) pseudonym when she writes in Malayalam
 - (b) name given in marriage
 - (c) real name
 - (d) pseudonym when she writes in Hindi
- (13) Woolf mentions Dr. Johnson talking about a dog.
 - (a) dancing
 - (b) earning
 - (c) singing
 - (d) writing
- (14) Woolf refers to the _____ light of anger.
 - (a) white
 - (b) blue
 - (c) yellow
 - (d) red