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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2015.

Second Semester

English

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH — II

(For those who joined in July 2012 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. A.K. Ramanujan in his poem says that some things that _____ the house never went out.
(a) Vanished (b) Wasted
(c) Ruined (d) Entered
2. Ezekiel says that philosophy is _____ because it is totally devoid of any emotion.
(a) Interesting (b) Cold
(c) 'Hot' (d) 'Warm'

3. Kamala Das in her poem recalls the men who came from the hills with _____ in a cage and fortune-cards

(a) Peacock (b) Monkey
(c) Dove (d) Parrot

4. In "The Female Species", a woman has _____ capacity to understand another woman's problems.

(a) Gossip (b) Less
(c) Innate (d) More

5. Paravusu kills _____ because he disrupted the sacrifice by killing yavakri

(a) Puravasu (b) Raibhya
(c) The king (d) Arvasu

6. In Kanyadhan, Jothi's mother Seva is a _____

(a) Home maker (b) Poet
(c) Social worker (d) Teacher

7. Nur's first wife promises Deven that she can arrange _____ for Deven if he gives her some money.

(a) An interview (b) A room
(c) Food (d) A flat

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8. Nariman is a retired _____ professor.
 (a) Tamil (b) History
 (c) English (d) Physics
9. _____ elder brother, Tridib, had got killed in a riot in Dhaka
 (a) Robi's
 (b) Ila's
 (c) Mayadebi's
 (d) Tha'mma's
10. Baba says that women had always been instruments of the saint's initiation to
 (a) Divorce (b) 'Bhakthi'
 (c) Crime (d) Suicide

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Critically appreciate Ezekiel's poem "Philosophy".
 Or
 (b) Bring out the message in R.Parthasarathy's poem "Lines for a Photograph".

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12. (a) What impression do you get on reading K.N.Daruwalla's poem "Death of a Bird".

Or

- (b) Discuss the theme of Meena Alexander's poem "House of Mist".

13. (a) Comment on the part played by Nittilai.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Arun Athavale in Kanyadhan.

14. (a) Comment on the part played by Murad in In Custody.

Or

- (b) Examine Nariman's downfall in the novel Family Matters.

15. (a) Comment on Ila's reminiscences in The Shadow Lines.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Devi in the novel Thousand Faces of Night.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss the distinctive features of poetry of A.K.Ramanujan.

Or

- (b) Bring out, with illustrations, the element of irony in Nissim Ezekiel's poetry.

17. (a) With a frankness and openness unusual in the Indian context, Kamala Das express her need for love" Discuss.

Or

- (b) Discuss Jayanta Mahapatra's craftsmanship as a poet.

18. (a) Bring out the influence of myth in Girish Karnad's The Fire and The Rain.

Or

- (b) Examine Vijay Tendulkar's Kanyadhan, is not the story of a victory; it is the admission of defeat and intellectual confusion.

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19. (a) Bring out the theme of absurdity in Anita Desai's novel In Custody.

Or

- (b) Comment on human relationships in Rohinton Mistry's Family Matters.

20. (a) Bring out the features of memory in Amitav Ghosh's novel The Shadow Lines.

Or

- (b) "Fusing myth, tale and the real voices of different women, The Thousand Faces of Night brings alive the underworld of Indian women's lives" – Discuss.

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