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English — Main

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2012 to 2015)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. _____ abandoned his inherited title of 'Emperor of India' in 1947.

- (a) King Henry IV
- (b) King Richard II
- (c) King George IV
- (d) King George VI

2. _____ is described as 'a rebel without a cause' by Andrew Sanders.

- (a) Sebastian
- (b) Estragan
- (c) Clea
- (d) Jimmy

3. Whitsun is the seventh Sunday _____.

- (a) after Christmas
- (b) after Easter
- (c) before Easter
- (d) before Christmas

4. The sophists lived in ancient _____.

- (a) Rome
- (b) Greek
- (c) India
- (d) None of these

5. Jim is a history lecture at a University in _____.

- (a) America
- (b) Africa
- (c) England
- (d) India

6. Professor Welch's son is _____.

- (a) Bernard
- (b) Bertrand
- (c) Bernod
- (d) Bourelaire

7. Pi's family owns and runs a _____.

- (a) ship
- (b) zoo
- (c) life boat
- (d) boat



8. Pi and Richard Parker survive on the _____.

- (a) circus company (b) zoo
(c) stone (d) boat

9. In scene I, Mother Courage's canteen wagon is stopped near _____ town.

- (a) an American (b) a German
(c) a Poland (d) Swedish

10. In Poland, Mother Courage meets her son after _____ years.

- (a) two (b) three
(c) four (d) five

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer shall not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a short note on Harold Pinter's plays.

Or

(b) Comment on the essential elements of Orion's comedies.

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12. (a) How does Philip Larkin describe the wedding parties in "The Whitsun Weddings"?

Or

(b) What is the Hawk's concluding argument?

13. (a) Why is Jim Dixon fired off from his job by Welch?

Or

(b) Write a short note on the relationship between Jim Dixon and Margaret.

14. (a) Write a note on the storm and its consequences in *Life of Pi*.

Or

(b) How do Pie and Richard Parker survive after a storm?

15. (a) Why does Mother Courage agree to sell her wagon?

Or

(b) How and why Swiss Cheese has to die?

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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) Comment on the 'new morality' in the writings of 1960s and 1970s.

Or

- (b) Attempt an essay on Iris Murdoch's writings.

17. (a) Comment on the poetic and thematic techniques used by Ted Hughes in his poems.

Or

- (b) Comment on the theme of Andrew Motion's poems.

18. (a) Justify the title of the novel, *Lucky Jim*.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Jim Dixon.

19. (a) Examine the theme of 'Will to Live' in *Life of Pi*.

Or

- (b) Comment on the part played by Richard Parker in *Life of Pi*.

20. (a) Comment on the part played by Mother Courage.

Or

- (b) Consider Mother Courage and Her Children as a tragedy.
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