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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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First Semester

Part III — English — Main

Paper I — INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(For those who joined in July 2008 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. _____ is the aim of religion.

- (a) Satisfaction (b) Self perfection
(c) Selfishness (d) Selflessness

2. Dr. Ambedkar emphasizes that the residual powers must be vested with _____

- (a) The centre (b) The state
(c) The office (d) The home

3. _____ hours of steady rain had driven the scorpion to crawl beneath a sack of rice.

- (a) Ten (b) Six
(c) One (d) Five

4. _____ cities were visited by the poet and his companions.

- (a) 3 (b) 4
(c) 7 (d) 1

5. The astrologer was as much a _____ to the stars as were his innocent customers.

- (a) stranger (b) friend
(c) enemy (d) relative

6. Dasa was _____

- (a) resourceful (b) foolish
(c) lazy (d) brisk

7. Girish Karnad is seen in a leading role in the film _____

- (a) Samskara (b) yayati
(c) Lotus (d) Chemmeen

8. Girish Karnad is an _____ dramatist.

- (a) existentialist (b) philosophical
(c) expressionistic (d) autobiographical

9. Train to Pakistan is a _____

- (a) novel (b) short story
(c) essay (d) ballad

10. _____ is the hero of Train to Pakistan.

- (a) Hukum Chand (b) Juggut Singh
(c) Nooran (d) Iqbal

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions in about 250 words each.
choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Write a note on the language style of Radha Krishnan.

Or

(b) Explain Dr. Ambedkar's concept of Democracy.

12. (a) Write a note on the theme of the poem 'Death By Burial'.

Or

(b) Write your comments on the poem 'Background Casually'.

13. (a) How were the words of Doctor considered?

Or

(b) Is Ishwaran really worried about his studies and success in the exam?

14. (a) What is the significance of Kurudavva's story?

Or

(b) Is Naga right in loving Appanna's wife?

15. (a) Consider the train as a symbol in Train to Pakistan.

Or

(b) Sketch the character of Juggut Singh.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions in about 600 words.
choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Consolidate the views of Dr. Radha Krishnan as you find in 'The Religion we need'.

Or

- (b) What according to Dr. Ambedkar are the threats to Indian democracy and how are they to be met?

17. (a) Write in detail about the feeling of Indianness as expressed in 'Night of the Scorpion'.

Or

- (b) Summarize the essential ideas of 'A Small Scale Reflection on a Great House'.

18. (a) Bring out the satirical elements that you find in the story 'Ishwaran'.

Or

- (b) Justify the title of the story 'Gateman's Gift'.

19. (a) Consider Nagamandala an Indian Drama.

Or

- (b) Dramatic techniques in Nagamandala.

20. (a) How does Train to Pakistan present the horrible consequences of the partition of India?

Or

- (b) The historical and literary value of partition.