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Second Semester

English

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH — II

(For those who joined in July 2012 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. In Ramanujan's great house the lame wandering _____ have been given a name
(a) cats (b) cows
(c) men (d) women
2. The bangle sellers spread their bangles on the _____ floor
(a) . dusty (b) clean
(c) red (d) blank

3. "Muse —2" was written by _____
(a) Kamala Das
(b) Jayanta Mahapathra
(c) Meena Alexander
(d) Gauri Deshpande
4. In "Death of a Bird", the poet lost his _____ and has to walk.
(a) . pony (b) bike
(c) car (d) driver
5. Who among the following observed ten year long penance in the forest?
(a) ~ Yavakri (b) Raibhya
(c) Parvasu (d) Arvasu
6. Jyoti is a sister to _____
(a) Jayaprakash
(b) Nath Devlaikar
(c) Arun
(d) None of these

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2. (a) Write a short note on "House of Mist".

Or

(b) Comment on the eerie experience in "Death of a Bird".

3. (a) Discuss the dramatic significance of prologue in The Fire and the Rain.

Or

(b) Is Arun a typical male chauvinist? — Discuss.

4. (a) Comment on Nur's married life.

Or

(b) Trace incidents leading to Nariman's marriage to a Parsi widow.

5. (a) Bring out the significance of Mu-i-Mubarah scene.

Or

(b) Narrate incidents leading to the marriage between Devi and Mahesh.

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7. In Custody, Devan has to interview

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| (a) Nur | (b) Noor |
| (c) Nooru | (d) Nair |

8. Deven's wife is —————

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| (a) Sarata | (b) Sarla |
| (c) Saralata | (d) Sarala |

9. Mayadebi was married to —————

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| (a) Shaheb | (b) Jatin |
| (c) Robind | (d) Tridib |

10. Devi married —————

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| (a) Mahesh | (b) Mukhesh |
| (c) Mukesh | (d) Mahesh Butt |

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Describe the great house as visualized by A.K. Ramanujan.

Or

(b) Comment on the theme of "Obituary".

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer the following in about 600 words each, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Examine the poetic qualities of R. Parthasarathy's poems.

Or

- (b) Write a critical appreciation of the prescribed poems of Nissim Ezekiel.

17. (a) Comment on the note of pathos in "Death of a Bird".

Or

- (b) Consider Meena Alexander as a poet.

18. (a) Myth in The Fire and the Rain.

Or

- (b) Comment on Devi's relationship with Dan Mahesh and Gopal.

19. (a) Comment on the theme of the novel In Custody.

Or

- (b) Justify the title of the novel, Family Matters.

20. (a) Thamma is caught between Dhaka and India. How and Why?

Or

- (b) Give the story of Mayamma of Thousand Faces of Night.

