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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,

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English – Main

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(For those who joined in July 2017 Onward)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)-

Answer ALL the questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Gandhi claims to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) a practical idealist (b) a visionary  
(c) a common man (d) a rishi
2. Nehru asks the people of India to dedicate themselves to the service of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) the whole mankind (b) India alone  
(c) India and Britain (d) Britain alone

3. "Small-Scale Reflections on a Great House" reflects the speaker's reflections on  
(a) cows and bulls (b) an ancestral house  
(c) girls and taboos (d) Alexander the Great
4. Kamala Das's "The Old Playhouse" shows her disenchantment with her \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) children (b) married life  
(c) India (d) Britain
5. The astrologer sat under the boughs of a spreading \_\_\_\_\_ tree  
(a) Tamarind tree (b) Banyan tree  
(c) Neem tree (d) Peepal tree
6. Arun, is a \_\_\_\_\_ boy in "The Woman on Platform 8".  
(a) 12-year-old (b) 20-year-old  
(c) 5-year-old (d) 2-year-old
7. Who is 'Mr. Prime Objective' in *Silence the Court* is in Session?  
(a) Rawte (b) Sukhatme  
(c) Mr. Kashikar (d) Karnik.

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8. According to Benare, Who is a great barrister?  
(a) Samant (b) Karnik  
(c) BaluRokde (d) Sukhatme

9. What are "Tommies"?  
(a) British soldiers  
(b) Indian soldiers  
(c) British hockey players  
(d) Indian hockey players

10. Who helps Sohini fill her water bucket?  
(a) Lakha  
(b) soldier  
(c) Bakha  
(d) A priest of the town temple

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a note on Gandhi's views on Non-violence.

Or

- (b) Narrate the strong of "Killing of a beautiful girl".

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12. (a) "Nissim Ezekiel's "Night of the Scorpion" is a strong yet simple statement on the power of self-effacing love". Explain.

Or

- (b) "An end, a pure, total freedom, it must will the mirrors! To shatter and the kind night to erase the water". Explain.

13. (a) How does Narayan combine suspense and realism in "An Astrologer's Day"?

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Hamid in "Idgah".

14. (a) How is the play *Silence! ... The Court* is in Session a scathing satirical attack on legal profession?

Or

- (b) How does the play-within-a-play, in *silence!....* The court is in session highlight social issues?

15. (a) Sketch the character of Hutchinson in *Untouchable*.

Or

- (b) Analyse Gandhi's speech in *Untouchable*.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) According to Gandhi, why is Nonviolence impossible without humility?

Or

- (b) Why does Nehru feel that all Indians should work hard for the development of their dear nation?

17. (a) Examine the climax of "The Tame Bird Was in a Cage".

Or

- (b) How does Kamala Das's "The Old Playhouse" transcend the personal level and become one with readers's empathies?

18. (a) How does Narayan explore the theme of guilt in "An Astrologer's Day"?

Or

- (b) "The Woman on Platform 8" by Ruskin Bond is a story about love and affection that transcends all barriers of kinship". Elucidate.

19. (a) Sketch the character of Leela Benare in Vijay Tendulkar's *Silence! ... The Court is in Session*.

Or

- (b) "*Silence! ... The Court is in Session* can be seen as an allegorical commentary on the gruesome nature of the patriarchal society". Expound.

20. (a) Sketch the character of Sohini in *Untouchable*.

Or

- (b) "Bakha struggles to internalize his place in the society" – Elucidate.

