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English

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(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. Who is referred to as 'a frail vessel' in Gitanjali?
(a) Tagore (b) God
(c) Woman (d) Man
2. Toru Duff's 'The Lotus' is a/an _____.
(a) Ode (b) Ballad
(c) Sonnet (d) Elegy

3. Sri Aurobindo's Savitri consists of _____ books.
(a) Six (b) Eight
(c) Ten (d) Twelve
4. Sri Aurobindo read the Savitri episode of the Mahabhatra while he was in _____.
(a) Baroda (b) Pondicherry
(c) Delhi (d) Madras
5. Chitra was the daughter of _____.
(a) Dyshunda (b) Pushpavahrana
(c) Chitravahana (d) Kamsha
6. Ramachandra Rao was _____.
(a) a rich land owner (b) a farmer
(c) a grocer (d) a poor man
7. Swami Vivekananda belongs to the religion of _____.
(a) Zion (b) Hindu
(c) Parsee (d) Jain



8. Lord Shiva is also known as —————.

- (a) Nataraja (b) Kadamba
(c) Karthikeya (d) Karthirvela

9. Who has treated Rukmani's infertility?

- (a) Benny (b) Penny
(c) Kenny (d) Jenny

10. Mali blames ————— for his mother's death.

- (a) his uncle (b) his father
(c) his friend (d) his cousin

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Bring out the message of the poem "Poetry".

Or

(b) Trace the evolution of thought in 'The Quest'.

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12. (a) How does Savitri review her past while living in the forest with her husband?

Or

(b) Sketch the character of Satyavan.

13. (a) Describe the circumstances leading to the meeting between Chitra and Arjuna.

Or

(b) How is the character Kamala portrayed in Surgeon General's Prescription.

14. (a) Describe how Swami Vivekananda's speech captured the hearts of Americans.

Or

(b) How does Koomaraswamy, explain the purpose of Shiva's dances?

15. (a) Comment on the sufferings of Rukmani.

Or

(b) What is the role played by Mali in The Vendor of Sweets?

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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) How does Tagore express the multi-faceted relationship between god and man in Gitanjali?

Or

- (b) Critically analyse the theme of the poem 'To the Moon'.

17. (a) Evaluate Sri Aurobindo's use of symbols in Savitri Book I canto II.

Or

- (b) Consider Savitri as a spiritual poem.

18. (a) "Tagore's representation of human love finds a beautiful exposition in Chitra" – Discuss.

Or

- (b) In what way does the play Surgeon General's Prescription show Iyengar's concern with social issues?

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19. (a) Analyse Coomaraswamy's interpretation of Shiva's dances.

Or

- (b) What estimate have you formed of Tagore from reading his speech?

20. (a) Discuss the theme of poverty in Nectar in a Sieve.

Or

- (b) Examine the clash between Eastern and Western cultures in The Vendor of Sweets.

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