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**SIXTH SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
MARCH 2023**

English

ENG 6B 02—LITERATURES IN ENGLISH—AMERICAN AND POST COLONIAL
(2017—2018 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

1 What is the name of Usher's improvised poem ?

- (a) The palace on the Hill. (b) The Haunted House.
(c) The Haunted Palace. (d) The Fallen Flower.

2 What is most likely the poet's purpose for writing "I Hear America Singing" ?

- (a) To persuade people to find jobs in America.
(b) To inform the reader about different kinds of jobs in America.
(c) To teach the reader how to be a good American.
(d) To give a lively description of people working in America.

3 What did Biff take from Bill Oliver ?

- (a) A silver picture frame. (b) A fountain pen.
(c) A twenty dollar bill. (d) The keys to the office.

4 Where is the jar placed on ?

- (a) In Tennessee. (b) Upon a hill.
(c) On the table. (a) Upon the ground.

5 'Anecdote of a Jar' is a metaphor to represent :

- (a) Nature. (b) Magnetic power of mind.
(c) Art. (d) Human beings.

Turn over

- 6 Who has taken the photograph of the poet ?
- (a) Media. (b) The poet herself.
(c) Others. (d) Lover.
- 7 The image used by the poet to represent future Africa is :
- (a) White faded flower. (b) Red fruit.
(c) Green apple. (d) Yellow flag.
- 8 David Diop's 'Africa' celebrates the typical love of the African for their :
- (a) Parents. (b) Girls.
(c) Mother land. (d) Ancestors.
- 9 Who is Om Prakash's brother ?
- (a) Jithin. (b) Jeethu.
(c) Jenny. (d) None of these.
- 10 Who decided to buy Norah the perfect scarf ?
- (a) Mrs. Scribano. (b) Mrs. Chris.
(c) Mrs. Rita Winter. (d) Mrs. Nancy.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two *or* three sentences :

- 11 What is the metaphor used by Langston Hughes to compare the mother's life ?
- 12 What is the theme of the poem 'I hear America singing' ?
- 13 Who all make up the family of Willy Loman ?
- 14 Why does the narrator arrive at his Roderick's house ?
- 15 Who is Lady Madeline ?
- 16 Why does the judge impose an extra fine on Snopes ?
- 17 How does the photograph look and what does it imply ?
- 18 What irrigates the fields according to Diop ?

- 19 What are the stages mentioned by Diop in the continent of Africa's history ?
- 20 Whom does Om Prakash commit to sell his organs to ?
- 21 What was peculiar about the old man rising up in the café ?
- 22 What did Norah long for as her birthday gift ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words :

- 23 Write short notes on the poem "Edge" by Sylvia Plath.
- 24 How does Sylvia Plath define the murder of the children ?
- 25 What is peculiar about the House of Usher and why has it been built so ?
- 26 Describe the themes reflected in Atwood's poem "This is a Photograph of Me".
- 27 In the light of your reading the poem "The Mystic Drum" explain how the beating of the drum and its stopping affect the surroundings ?
- 28 What is the significance of the title of the story "Killing Time" ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words :

- 29 Miller departs from the age-old concepts of tragedy in 'Death of a salesman'. Explain.
- 30 Write an essay on the theme employed in the story "Barn Burning".
- 31 'Harvest' is a futuristic play. Justify.
- 32 Attempt an appreciation of Carol Shield's "A Scarf."

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2021

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 6B 02—LITERATURES IN ENGLISH—AMERICAN AND POST COLONIAL

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 1 mark.

1. The tone of "I Hear America Singing" can be best described as :
 - (a) Somber.
 - (b) Hopeful.
 - (c) Lively.
 - (d) Inspirational.
2. What is the name of Snopes's boss ?
 - (a) Major Harold.
 - (b) Justice Henry.
 - (c) Mr. Harris.
 - (d) Dr. Hansen.
3. How do Usher and the narrator know one another ?
 - (a) They are brothers.
 - (b) They have never met.
 - (c) They met during the war.
 - (d) They were boyhood friends.
4. Who is Charley ?
 - (a) Willy's other brother.
 - (b) A long-time friend of Willy.
 - (c) Willy's boss.
 - (d) Biff's real father.
5. 'Anecdote of a Jar' is a metaphor to represent :
 - (a) Nature.
 - (b) Magnetic power of mind.
 - (c) Art.
 - (d) Human beings.
6. Who has taken the photograph of the poet ?
 - (a) Media.
 - (b) The poet herself.
 - (c) Others.
 - (d) Lover.

Turn over

7. The image used by the poet to represent future Africa is :
- (a) White faded flower. (b) Red fruit.
(c) Green apple. (d) Yellow flag.
8. Which is the hi-tech company, which chooses able bodied candidates to donate their organs to western buyers ?
- (a) Donor's Forum. (b) Western Transplant.
(c) Inter planta services. (d) None of these.
9. In 'Killing Time' from where the narrator happened to see the stranger ?
- (a) At a café. (b) Public Road.
(c) Railway Station. (d) Theatre.
10. Who among the following is not the daughter of Mrs. Winter ?
- (a) Helen. (b) Nancy.
(c) Chris. (d) Norah.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Section B

Answer at least seven questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 21.

11. Who are the singers in the poem 'I hear America singing' ?
12. What does the title of the poem 'Edge' by Sylvia Plath suggest ?
13. Why did Willy commit suicide in the end of the play ?
14. What is Roderick's illness ?
15. Why does Major de Spain impose a fine on Abner ?
16. How does the photograph look and what does it imply ?
17. What happened when the drum was beating inside the speaker in the beginning ?
18. What irrigates the fields according to Diop ?
19. What are the stages mentioned by Diop in the continent of Africa's history ?

20. Whom does Om Prakash commit to sell his organs to ?
21. What does the stranger do on entering the café ?
22. What made the family of Mrs. Winters happy about the book ?

(7 × 3 = 21 marks)

Section C

Answer at least three questions.

Each question carries 7 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 21.

23. Comment on the kind of staircase that the mother was.
24. What role does Linda Loman play in 'Death of a salesman' ?
25. Justify the title of Atwood's poem "This is a Photograph of Me".
26. How does Meena Alexander prove that "the idea of exile is not a postmodern one. On the contrary, it is a very ancient one" ?
27. In the light of your reading the poem "The Mystic Drum" explain how the beating of the drum and its stopping affect the surroundings ?
28. What is the significance of the title of the story "Killing Time" ?

(3 × 7 = 21 marks)

Section D

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 14 marks.

29. Write an essay on the theme employed in the story "Barn Burning".
30. Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Edge".
31. 'Harvest' is a futuristic play. Justify.
32. Attempt an appreciation of Carold Shield's "A Scarf".

(2 × 14 = 28 marks)

SIXTH SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2020

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 6B 02—LITERATURES IN ENGLISH-AMERICAN AND POST COLONIAL

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

- 1 What is the emotional context of singing in Whitman's poem ?
 - (a) Revenge.
 - (b) Dejection.
 - (c) Patriotism.
 - (d) None of these.
- 2 Which of the following is true about the singers of the poem "I hear America singing" ?
 - (a) Elite.
 - (b) Women only.
 - (c) People at work.
 - (d) None of these.
- 3 What does the jar symbolize ?
 - (a) Love.
 - (b) Nature.
 - (c) Art.
 - (d) None of these.
- 4 Whose poem mentions the perfected woman ?
 - (a) Whitman.
 - (b) Sylvia Plath.
 - (c) Anonymous poet.
 - (d) None of these.
- 5 Who among the following was the son called up to testify against his father in the court ?
 - (a) Sarty.
 - (b) Major Harold.
 - (c) Mr Harris.
 - (d) Happy.
- 6 Whose life and career forms the central interest of Miller's play ?
 - (a) Howard Wagner.
 - (b) Stanley.
 - (c) Willy Lowman.
 - (d) None of them.
- 7 Spot the odd one :
 - (a) Charles.
 - (b) Bernard.
 - (c) Uncle Ben.
 - (d) David Diop.

Turn over

8 Who else was looking at the Stranger apart from the narrator in the story "Killing Time" ?

- (a) A boy. (b) Bearded man.
(c) Cafe owner. (d) None of these.

9 "The bitter taste of liberty" is a phrase from the poem by :

- (a) David Diop. (b) Whitman.
(c) Sylvia Plath. (d) Gabriel Okara.

10 The theme of *Harvest* is _____.

- (a) Peasant life. (b) Organ transplant.
(c) Organ trade. (d) None of these.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences :

- 11 Theme and treatment in the poem "Edge"
- 12 Comment on the title "America Singing".
- 13 What is the theme of the story "Killing Time" ?
- 14 Who burns the barns ?
- 15 Where was the urn placed ?
- 16 How does Poe's story end ?
- 17 What was mystic about the drum ?
- 18 How did nature react to the coming of Columbus ?
- 19 What is the role of the mother in *Harvest* ?
- 20 What is the theme of Margaret Atwood's poem ?
- 21 Comment on the aptness of the title "A Scarf".
- 22 Who wrote the book *My Thyme is Up* in "A Scarf".

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* of 100 words :

- 23 Charley.
- 24 The narrator in Poe's story.

- 25 The episode of the rug.
- 26 Life in Langston Hughes poem.
- 27 Technology in the play *Harvest*.
- 28 Diop's observations and imagery.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words :

- 29 How does Miller unmask the underside of modern American capitalism ?
- 30 Explore the strategies Poe employs in telling the story.
- 31 *Harvest* captures the frightening dimensions of technological exploitation : Establish.
- 32 Discuss the political and cultural concerns of postcolonial literature.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2019

(CUCBCSS)

English

ENG 6B 02—LITERATURES IN ENGLISH—AMERICAN AND POST COLONIAL

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

1. The characters in "I Hear America Singing" are similar to Walt Whitman in that they :
 - (a) Are constantly singing.
 - (b) Are mechanics and shoemakers.
 - (c) Have worked in a print shop.
 - (d) Are full of life.
2. What is Snopes accused of ?
 - (a) Arson.
 - (b) Larceny.
 - (c) Murder.
 - (d) Perjury.
3. Roderick Usher, the narrator discovers, is all of the following except :
 - (a) Exceedingly nervous and gloomy.
 - (b) Hypersensitive and superstitious.
 - (c) Broken in spirit and deranged.
 - (d) Bedridden.
4. Where did Biff get the football ?
 - (a) Biff had stolen it from school.
 - (b) Biff had received it as a gift from his mother.
 - (c) He borrowed it from Happy.
 - (d) He had stolen it from a kid down the street.
5. The poem 'Edge' has been viewed as a :
 - (a) Suicidal note.
 - (b) As a work of art.
 - (c) Feministic note.
 - (d) As an anecdote.
6. The photo was taken the day after the speaker is :
 - (a) Drowned.
 - (b) Faced death.
 - (c) Took bath.
 - (d) On the way.

Turn over

7. The mystic drum stands for :
- (a) Enjoyment.
 - (b) Wilderness.
 - (c) Colonial power.
 - (d) Spiritual pulse of traditional African life.
8. The black of Africa breaks under the weight of :
- (a) Humiliation.
 - (b) Colonization.
 - (c) Imagination.
 - (d) Imperialism.
9. Who is Om Prakash's wife ?
- (a) Anitha.
 - (b) Jaya.
 - (c) Ginny.
 - (d) None of these.
10. Who wrote the novel 'My Thyme is up' ?
- (a) Mrs. Scribano.
 - (b) Mrs. Chris.
 - (c) Mrs. Rita Winter.
 - (d) Mrs. Norah.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences :

- 11. What kind of singing is heard by Whitman ?
- 12. What is the metaphor used by Langston Hughes to compare the mother's life ?
- 13. Who all make up the family of Willy Loman ?
- 14. Why does the narrator arrive at his Roderick's house ?
- 15. Why does Abner decide to burn Major de Spain's barn ?
- 16. Who creates the history of women in the poem "This is a Photograph of Me" ?
- 17. On what percept Kerala becomes a house of thousand doors ?
- 18. What happened to men and fish when the drum invoked the sun and moon ?
- 19. What does the tree mentioned in the poem "Africa" represent ?
- 20. What are the conditions to be kept once an organ donor commits to a buyer ?
- 21. Where does Nasibu Mwanukuzi find the stranger ?
- 22. Who are the three daughters of Mrs. Winter ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* of 80 words :

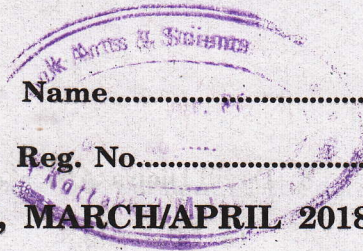
23. What does Stevens convey through the metaphor of the jar ?
24. Give a character sketch of Willy Loman.
25. What are the gothic features in the story 'The Fall of the House of Usher' ?
26. Attempt a character sketch of Colonel Sartorius Snopes.
27. How does Brathwaite picture the migrated people ?
28. Write a note on the two physically absent characters in the play 'Harvest' ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words :

29. Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Edge".
30. Explain how Edgar Allen Poe's short story 'The Fall of the House of Usher' is a brilliant example of gothic fiction.
31. "Killing Time" can be considered as an interweaving of reality with magic. Explain.
32. 'Harvest' is a futuristic play. Justify.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)



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SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL 2018

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 6B 02—LITERATURES IN ENGLISH : AMERICAN AND POST-COLONIAL

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

1 Whose life is compared to a crystal stair case :

- (a) Brother. (b) Father. (c) Mother. (d) Teacher.

2 What is the name of Usher's improvised poem ?

- (a) The palace on the Hill. (b) The Haunted House. (c) The Haunted Palace. (d) The Fallen Flower.

3 What did Biff take from Bill Oliver ?

- (a) A silver picture frame. (b) A fountain pen. (c) A twenty dollar bill. (d) The keys to the office.

4 Where is the jar placed on ?

- (a) In Tennessee. (b) Upon a hill. (c) on the table. (d) upon the ground.

5 Sylvia Plath's poetry comes under the genre of :

- (a) Confessional poetry. (b) romantic poetry. (c) Metaphysical poetry (d) feminist poetry.

6 Whose journey is described in the poem 'The Emigrants' ?

- (a) The poet himself. (b) Europeans. (c) Black people. (d) White people.

7 The mystic drum beats :

- (a) Around the town. (b) In the market place. (c) In the external nature. (d) Inside the mind of the poet.

Turn over

8 David Diop's 'Africa' celebrates the typical love of the African for their :

- (a) Parents. (b) Girls.
(c) Mother land. (d) Ancestors.

9 Who is Om Prakash's brother ?

- (a) Jithin. (b) Jeethu.
(c) Jenny. (d) None of these.

10 Who decided to buy Norah the perfect scarf ?

- (a) Mrs. Scribano. (b) Mrs. Chris.
(c) Mrs. Rita Winter. (d) Mrs. Nancy.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences :

11. How does Whitman acknowledge the individuality of the Americans who sing ?
12. What does the jar symbolize ?
13. Who is the speaker and the addressee of the poem "Mother to Son" ?
14. Why does Oliver refuse to recognize Biff ?
15. Why did Abner Snopes have to leave town ?
16. What is the problem with others making history of females ?
17. What is Meena Alexander's poem "House of a Thousand Doors" about ?
18. What happened when the drum stopped beating ?
19. Of whom does David Diop's grandmother sing to him ?
20. Why is Jaya forced to pretend as Om's sister ?
21. What was peculiar about the old man rising up in the cafe ?
22. What did Norah long for as her birthday gift ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 80 words :

23. What is the significance of the title poem 'I hear America singing' ?
24. Write short notes on the poem "Edge" by Sylvia Plath.
25. What is peculiar about the House of Usher and why has it been built so ?
26. Describe the themes reflected in Atwood's poem "This is a Photograph of Me".

27. How does Diop through his poem "Africa" encourage his people to act against the dominating powers ?

28. Who are the characters in the play 'Harvest' ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words:

29. Miller departs from the age-old concepts of tragedy in 'Death of a salesman'. Explain.

30. Write an essay on the theme employed in the story "Barn Burning".

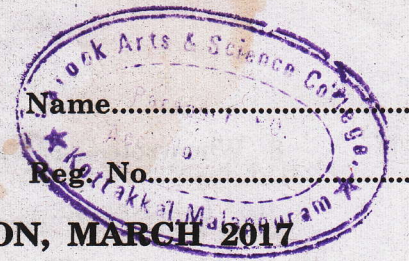
31. "Killing Time" can be considered as an interweaving of reality with magic. Explain.

32. Attempt an appreciation of Carold Shield's "A Scarf".

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 6B 02—LITERATURE IN ENGLISH : AMERICAN AND POST-COLONIAL

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I Answer the following bunches of questions :—

- 1 What person point of view is used in Whitman's poem ?
 - (a) First.
 - (b) Second.
 - (c) Third.
 - (d) None of these.
- 2 Which is the figure of speech in "I hear America singing" ?
 - (a) Simile.
 - (b) Metaphor.
 - (c) Personification.
 - (d) None of these.
- 3 What does the jar symbolize ?
 - (a) Order.
 - (b) Chaos.
 - (c) People.
 - (d) None of these.
- 4 What words are used by the mother to signify pain and suffering of her life ?
 - (a) Tacks.
 - (b) Blood.
 - (c) Sweat.
 - (d) Crystal stair.
- 5 Who among the following is Snopse's boss ?
 - (a) Dr. Hansen.
 - (b) Major Harold.
 - (c) Mr. Harris.
 - (d) None of them.
- 6 Who is Willy's wife ?
 - (a) Letty.
 - (b) Linda.
 - (c) Jenny.
 - (d) Happy.
- 7 With whom did Billy have a brief affair ?
 - (a) Linda.
 - (b) Ben's wife.
 - (c) The Woman.
 - (d) None of these.

Turn over

- 8 Who wrote the story "Killing Time" ?
- (a) Nasibu. (b) Faulkner.
(c) Carol Shields. (d) None of these.
- 9 David Diop uses _____ to represent future Africa.
- (a) Yellow flag. (b) Red fruit.
(c) Green apple. (d) White faded flower.
- 10 *Harvest* is _____ play.
- (a) Modernist. (b) Futuristic.
(c) Anonymous. (d) None of these.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences :—

- 11 What was the significance of the poem "Edge" in the life of Sylvia Plath ?
- 12 What is the theme of Whitman's poem ?
- 13 What was the warning about life given to the son by the mother ?
- 14 What happened at the trial in 'Barn Burning' ?
- 15 What is Wallace Stevens trying to say through his poem ?
- 16 What did the narrator of Poe's story see at the end of the story ?
- 17 Mention the impact of the drum beat on any two things around.
- 18 State the political significance of Kamau's poem.
- 19 Comment on the title "Killing Time".
- 20 What is the theme of Margaret Atwood's poem ?
- 21 Who is the narrator's friend in the story "A Scarf" ?
- 22 Who might be reading *My Thyme is Up* according to Scribano ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words :—

- 23 Death in Miller's play.
- 24 The element of horror in Poe's story.
- 25 The protagonist of the story "Barn Burning", Sarty.
- 26 Imagery in Langston Hughes poem.
- 27 The role of the mother in the play *Harvest*.
- 28 The narrator's friend in 'A Scarf'.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words.

- 29 Discuss Arthur Miller's engagement with the issues of the modern society of his time.
- 30 What are the distinct features of American fiction prescribed for study?
- 31 Colonization of the body of the other is the theme of the play *Harvest* : Examine.
- 32 Discuss the thematic and structural innovations of postcolonial poetry.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE (UG-CCSS) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2016

(SDE)

English

EN 6B 2—LITERATURE IN ENGLISH : AMERICAN AND POST COLONIAL

(2012 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes

Maximum : 27 Weightage

Part B

I. Answer each of the following questions in two or three sentences. Each question carries a weightage of 1 :

- 1 Who is considered as the father of free verse ?
- 2 Where was the jar placed ?
- 3 How does the poet define the death of the children in the poem "Edge" ?
- 4 Why did Willy leave the school ?
- 5 Which is the first gothic novel in English ?
- 6 What does the phrase "barn burning" mean ?
- 7 When was the photograph taken ?
- 8 What is the theme of Kamau Braithwaite's poem ?
- 9 What is the impact of the mystic drum ?

(9 × 1 = 9 weightage)

II. Answer five of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words each. Each question carries a weightage of 2 :

- 10 Symbols in *Death of a Salesman*.
- 11 The ending of Poe's story.
- 12 What did the mother say to the son ?
- 13 Elaborate the theme of the poem 'Africa'.
- 14 The boy's conflict in 'Barn Burning'.
- 15 Consumerism in the play *Harvest*.
- 16 Story element in 'A Scarf'.

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

Turn over

III. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words each. Each question carries a weightage of 4 :

17 What are the social issues raised by Miller in his famous play ?

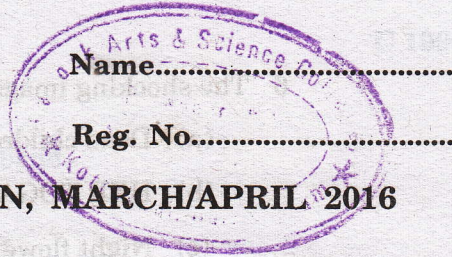
18 The variety in the themes of postcolonial poems.

19 How does *Harvest* explore the theme of exploitation through technology ?

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)

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SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL 2016

(UG—CCSS)

English

EN6B2—LITERATURE IN ENGLISH AMERICAN AND POST COLONIAL

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Answer all twelve questions

I (A) Answer the following bunches of questions.

1 How do Usher and the narrator know one another ?

- (a) They are brothers.
- (b) They have never met.
- (c) They met during the war.
- (d) They were boyhood friends.

2 Who wrote the story 'Killing Time' ?

- (a) Manjula Pathmanabhan.
- (b) Nasisbu Mwanukuzi.
- (c) William Faulkner.
- (d) Gabriel Okara.

3 The black of Africa breaks under the weight of :

- (a) Humiliation.
- (b) Colonization.
- (c) Imagination.
- (d) Imperialism.

4 The refrain in the poem 'The mystic drum' is :

- (a) But standing behind a tree.
- (b) Fishes became fishes.
- (c) The dead to dance and sing.
- (d) Things stopped to grow.

(B) Answer the following :—

5 Atwood describes a photograph only to commend on :

- (a) Its inability to capture the realities of place.
- (b) To explore identity of a person.
- (c) Sexuality.
- (d) Wisdom.

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6 The shocking image in the poem 'Edge' is :

- (a) Dead children coiled like white serpents
- (b) HER TOGA.
- (c) Night flower
- (d) pitches of milk

7 Biff realizes that Willy's philosophy was wrong, and most of Willy's life was made up of illusion. What does he say ?

- (a) "He took a wrong turn miles back and never figured it out".
- (b) "He was a liar and a cheat. He tried to buy our love and he failed".
- (c) "He had all the wrong dreams. All, all wrong".
- (d) "His brother made millions, but he only made mistakes".

8 The *Fall of the House of Usher* emphasizes from the start a major parallel, one that involves :

- (a) Art and life.
- (b) A building and a family.
- (c) Two close friends.
- (d) A poem and an event.

(C) Match the following

9 In *Mother to Son*, Hughes characterizes the speaker as :

- (a) A young man unsure of his place in the world.
- (b) A black servant who longs to be treated with equality and respect.
- (c) An innocent child harmed by the discrimination he has experienced.
- (d) An average, working-class man who hates his job.

10 In *I Hear America Singing*, the poet probably described people at work because :

- (a) People often sing at work.
- (b) He saw America as a poor country.
- (c) He liked working more than doing other activities.
- (d) He saw America as a country that was prospering.

- 11 Who is Jeetu in *Harvest* ?
- (a) Om praksh's brother. (b) Jaya's Husband.
(c) Ma's husband. (d) Jaya's son.
- 12 "It took dominion everywhere" What does "it" stand for ?
- (a) The hill. (b) Wilderness.
(c) The poet's thoughts. (d) The jar.

(12 × ¼ = 3 weightage)

II. Answer each of the following questions in two or three sentences. Each question carries 1 weightage.

- 13 In *Death of a Salesman*, Linda says, "Were free and clear". What does it mean ?
- 14 What is Snopes accused of in *Barn Burning* ?
- 15 What happens at the end of *Fall of the House of Usher* ?
- 16 What is the problem between Biff and Willy in *Death of a Salesman* ?
- 17 What does the title of Sylvia Plath's *Edge* suggest ?
- 18 What according to the fancy of the narrator in *Killing Time* could be the problems of the stranger ?
- 19 What does the woman behind the tree in *The Mystic Drum* represent ?
- 20 When, according to the author was the photograph in *This is a Photograph of Me* taken ?
- 21 What does the "red scar" in the poem *Africa* mean ?

(9 × 1 = 9 weightage)

III. Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words. Each question carries 2 weightage.

- 22 Walt Whitman's poetic technique in *I Hear America Singing*.
- 23 What is the character traits revealed of the speaker in *Mother to Son* ?
- 24 Abandonment as a theme of *Death of a Salesman*.
- 25 What is the significance of the grandmother's song in *Africa* ?
- 26 What is the central theme of *The Emigrants*.
- 27 The nature and ecosystem of Kerala as depicted in *House of a Thousand Doors*.
- 28 How is magic realism used as a mode to convey the theme of *Killing Time* ?

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words. Each question carries 4 weightage.

29 *The Anecdote of the Jar* is a poem that essentially deals with transformation as the central theme. Discuss.

30 Consider the contemporary social relevance of Manjula Padmanabhan's *Harvest*.

31 Consider *Killing Time* as a post-colonial work providing a resistance to colonial dominance.

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)