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**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2025**

English

ENG 5B 10—INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(2019 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 According to the speaker in the verse “You Left Me,” what is heroic and why ?
- 2 In the poem “Coromandel Fishers,” what do the fishermen do when they hear the seagull’s call ?
- 3 In “Where the Mind is without Fear,” to whom is the poet talking ?
- 4 “Don’t write in English” - Who gave these orders and to whom ?
- 5 How does the old woman try to grab the speaker’s attention ?
- 6 What are the contents of the letter received by the narrator ?
- 7 What happened on the 19th of March 1927 at Chavadar Lake ?
- 8 Why does Ambedkar feel that the removal of untouchability alone cannot bring equality in the society ?
- 9 In “Imaginary Homelands,” why was the author amazed after spending months trying to recall as much of the Bombay of the 1950s and 1960s as he could ?
- 10 What kind of life would have the astrologer led if he had not left his village ?
- 11 What does the author mean by “the specimens of human conceit” in the cemetery ?
- 12 How does the Laburnum tree respond to the seasons ?
- 13 Where in the US did Mr. Das live ? What was his job ?
- 14 How did Raibhya intend to punish Yavakri ?
- 15 What were Amal’s reasons for leaving Bhupati’s house ?

(Ceiling - 25 marks)

Turn over

II. Answer the following questions in *a paragraph*. 5 marks each :

- 16 How does the poet establish the connection between 'youth' and 'spring' in the verse "You Left Me" ?
- 17 In the poem "Coromandel Fishers," what is described as 'sweet' by the fisherman ?
- 18 In the poem "An Old Woman," what is the speaker trying to convey through the lines "and the hills crack, and the temples crack, and the sky falls ?"
- 19 Briefly discuss the important points mentioned in the third proclamation of the French Nationalist Assembly.
- 20 How does Rushdie perceive the appropriateness of using the English language to Indian themes ?
- 21 On what conditions did Lentina offer to donate her land to the Town Committee ?
- 22 Comment on Mr. Kapasi's passion for foreign languages and his initial ambition to become an international interpreter.
- 23 What was Yavakri's plan of revenge against the family of Raibhya ?

(Ceiling - 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* out of the four questions in an essay :

- 24 Describe the miserable plight of the old woman in the poem "An Old Woman."
- 25 According to Ambekar, "Untouchability is not a simple matter; it is the mother of all our poverty and lowliness." Elucidate.
- 26 "R.K. Narayan typically portrays the peculiarities of human relationships and the ironies of Indian daily life, in which modern urban existence clashes with ancient tradition." Elucidate based on his story "An Astrologer's Day."
- 27 "The Fire and the Rain" involves a clash of egos, revenge, misuse of knowledge, and fragility of human nature. Discuss.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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English

ENG 5B 10—INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 According to the speaker in the verse “You Left Me,” what is heroic and why ?
- 2 In the poem “Coromandel Fishers,” what is said to be the wealth of tide ?
- 3 According to the speaker in the poem “Coromandel Fishers,” what sort of sounds can one hear early in the morning ?
- 4 What does the poet mean by the phrase “sword in its sheath” in the poem “An Introduction ?”
- 5 In the poem “An Old Woman,” what does the phrase “bullet holes” refer to ?
- 6 What are the contents of the letter received by the narrator ?
- 7 In the poem “The Country Without a Post Office,” why does the poet say that the houses are empty ?
- 8 Why did caste Hindus prevent the untouchables from drinking the water of Chavadar lake ?
- 9 What did Rushdie mean when he said, “Literature is self-validating ?”
- 10 How did the lighting of his workplace help the astrologer in his business ?
- 11 What challenge did the client throw at the astrologer ?
- 12 How did Lentina lose her Laburnum saplings in the third year ?
- 13 Where in the US did Mr. Das live ? What was his job ?
- 14 Why did Yavakri spend ten years in the jungle ?
- 15 How did Bhupati lose his trust in Umapada ?

(Ceiling - 25 marks)

Turn over

II. Answer the following questions in *a paragraph*. 5 marks each :

- 16 How does the poet establish the connection between 'youth' and 'spring' in the verse "You Left Me" ?
- 17 Write a brief note on the typical Indian woman and male domination in Indian society as expressed in the poem "An Introduction."
- 18 In the poem "An Old Woman," what is the speaker trying to convey through the lines "and the hills crack, and the temples crack, and the sky falls ?"
- 19 Write about the plight of Plebians in ancient Roman society to establish equality.
- 20 Why does Rushdie feel that "re-describing the world is the necessary first step towards changing it ?"
- 21 On what conditions did Lentina offer to donate her land to the Town Committee ?
- 22 Why did Mr. Kapasi regard the Das family as siblings ?
- 23 What was Yavakri's plan of revenge against the family of Raibhya ?

(Ceiling - 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* out of the four questions in an essay :

- 24 Describe the woeful tale of the people of Kashmir with reference to the poem "The Country Without a Post Office."
- 25 According to Ambekar, "Untouchability is not a simple matter ; it is the mother of all our poverty and lowliness." Elucidate.
- 26 "R.K. Narayan typically portrays the peculiarities of human relationships and the ironies of Indian daily life, in which modern urban existence clashes with ancient tradition." Elucidate based on his story "An Astrologer's Day."
- 27 How does the role of Charulata problematize the presupposed role of the contemporary Indian woman ?

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NOVEMBER 2023**

English

ENG 5B 10—INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks.

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 How does the astrologer feel after he realises the truth regarding the 'murder' ?
- 2 What is the narrator's decision in "You Left Me ?"
- 3 The ending of *Charulata*.
- 4 Analyse the metaphors in "Where the Mind is Without Fear."
- 5 How does Ambedkar explain the principle of equality ?
- 6 Pathos in "The Old Woman."
- 7 How does Lentina free herself from social constructs ?
- 8 Mrs. Das's secret.
- 9 Ambedkar's views on intermarriage.
- 10 The tragic end of Nittilai.
- 11 How does the Astrologer in "An Astrologer's Day" make his living ?
- 12 How does the narrator of "Coromandel Fishers" comfort the fishermen ?
- 13 The complex emotions explored in "An Introduction."
- 14 What are Mr. Kapasi's hopes about a future relationship with Mrs. Das ?
- 15 How does Rushdie describe British self-delusion ?

(Ceiling 25 marks)

Turn over

II. Answer the following questions in *a paragraph*. 5 marks each :

- 16 Comment on the ending of "An Astrologer's Day."
- 17 Patricians and Plebians.
- 18 Trauma in '*The Country Without a Post Office*'.
- 19 In "Coromandel Fishers" who are referred to as 'brothers' and why?
- 20 The importance of language for the narrator of "An Introduction"
- 21 Love relationships in *Charulata*.
- 22 How does Rushdie defend criticism that *Midnight's Children* is pessimistic?
- 23 Women and nature in "Laburnum for My Head."

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* out the four questions in an essay :

- 24 The third proclamation of the French National Assembly.
- 25 Loveless marriages in "Interpreter of Maladies."
- 26 How does Rushdie describe the politics of writing?
- 27 The play within the play in *The Fire and the Rain*.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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English

ENG 5B 10—INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences : (2 marks each) :

- 1 How does the narrator deal with abandonment in "You Left Me ?"
- 2 What tragedy is encapsulated in the title "The Country without a Post Office."
- 3 Exploitation of gullible minds in "An Astrologer's Day."
- 4 Alliteration in "Where the Mind is Without Fear."
- 5 What effects Mr.Kapasi's change of attitude to Mrs.Das at the end of the story ?
- 6 The wake up call in "The Coromandel Fishers".
- 7 How does the poet describe the "Old Woman ?"
- 8 How does Das explain the eccentricities of her language ?
- 9 The Secular Man in *Midnight's Children*.
- 10 How does Yavakri treat Visakha ?
- 11 Bobby in "Interpreter of Maladies".
- 12 How does Ambedkar differentiate between Brahmins and Samurais ?
- 13 Lentina's unusual decision.
- 14 Why have historians vilified the French National Assembly ?
- 15 Why does Ambedkar describe caste Hindus of Mahad as "reasonable ?"

(Ceiling 25 marks)

II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph (5 marks each) :

- 16 Self-mockery in "You Left Me."
- 17 Caste hierarchy in *The Fire and the Rain*.

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- 18 How are ordinary people affected by the turmoils in Kashmir ? Explain with reference to "The Country Without a Post Office."
- 19 Comment on the narrative art of *Charulata*.
- 20 Love and loss in "Interpreter of Maladies".
- 21 How does Ambedkar demonstrate the contradictions in the ways of the Caste Hindus ?
- 22 How does Rushdie comment on the diverse nature of the Indian writer in England ?
- 23 Death and immortality in "Laburnum for My Head".

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* out the four questions in an essay :

- 24 How do Vishakha and Nittilai become victims of the ambitions and manipulations of the men ?
- 25 Attempt a postcolonial feminist reading of "An Introduction."
- 26 The importance of the French National Assembly.
- 27 Rushdie's view about the Indian writer and his heritage.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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FIFTH SEMESTER U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2021

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English

ENG 5B 10—INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A*Answer at least ten questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 30.*

1. What does “narrow domestic walls” refer to ?
2. Who are the ‘categorizers’ mentioned in the poem, *An Introduction* ?
3. What according to Dr. Ambedkar is the reason for the strenuous efforts made to maintain the prohibition ?
4. What is described as “shatter proof” in the poem *An Old Woman* ?
5. How is the wind described in the poem by Sarojini Naidu ?
6. What is the major theme of the poem you left me ?
7. What does Rushdie mean by “literature is self validating” ?
8. Why is Yavakri confident that he safe from the brahma rakshas ?
9. How does Narayan describe the astrologer’s knowledge of astronomy ?
10. What caused the monkeys to attack Bobby ?
11. What role does the narrator take on in *The Country without a Post Office* ?
12. What happened to the Laburnum Saplings planted for the first time ?
13. Why does Bhupati invite Umapada and his wife to live with him ?
14. What was the scope of the French National Assembly ?
15. Which ancient myth becomes the basis for the play *The Fire and the Rain* ?

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

Turn over

Section B

Answer at least five questions.

Each question carries 6 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 30.

16. Why does the speaker feel that he is nothing more than “so much small change” towards the end ?
17. Character sketch of the Astrologer.
18. Role of Nittilai.
19. Comment on Rushdie’s notion of Diasporic consciousness.
20. Role of Babu.
21. Describe the plight of the plebeians in ancient roman society to establish equality.
22. Charulatha as a representative of modern women in the upper class of colonial India.
23. How does the poem *the Country without a Post office* describe the pathetic situation of Kashmir ?

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Section C

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. Write an essay on R. K. Narayan’s presentation of Indian society in his short stories with special reference to an Astrologer’s Day.
25. Write an essay on the treatment of myth in the play *The Fire and the Rain*.
26. The relationship between an individual and his/her language is complex. Explain with reference to the poem *An Introduction*.
27. Discuss the role played by culture in the development of the story *Interpreter of Maladies*.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)