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Sixth Semester

English – Main

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2012 – 2015)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. William Golding's first popular novel is _____.
(a) Balthazar (b) Lord of the flies
(c) Lord Jim (d) Justice

2. Ted Hughes's works express an awareness of the affinities between human and _____ life.
- (a) nature (b) animal
(c) agriculture (d) religious
3. The fox terrier is seen running along with the _____.
- (a) horses (b) soldiers
(c) lambs (d) cattle
4. The poem "Hawk Roosting" is in the form of _____.
- (a) sonnet (b) monologue
(c) dialogue (d) lyric
5. Who attempted suicide in "Lucky Jim"?
- (a) Carol (b) Margaret
(c) Christine (d) Evan Johns
6. Who promises to publish the article of Jim in "Lucky Jim"?
- (a) Prof. Ned Welch
(b) Julius Gore-Urquhart
(c) L.S. Caton
(d) Beesley

7. The Tsimtsum is _____.
(a) a type of wild animal
(b) a zebra
(c) a ship
(d) a religious text
8. Richard Parker is a _____ with _____ when
Pisheres his life boat.
(a) Royal Bengal Tiger
(b) Clerk
(c) Monkey
(d) Hyena
9. _____ is the first son of Mother Courage.
(a) Sergeant (b) Eilif
(c) Swiss cheese (d) Kaltrin
10. _____ says "War is a business proposition".
(a) Courage (b) The cook
(c) Eilif (d) Swiss cheese

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write about the absurd plays of Harold Pinter.

Or

- (b) Give an account of Irish Murdoch's contribution to the post-modern literature.

12. (a) How does Ted Hughes exalt the animal world in "Hawk Roosting"?

Or

- (b) Comment on the theme of the poem "The Whitsun Weddings".

13. (a) Briefly comment on Jim Dixon's struggle to get a permanent job in university.

Or

- (b) Comment on the ending of the novel 'Lucky Jim'.

14. (a) Describe Pi's childhood days in India.

Or

- (b) Comment on Pi's survival techniques.

15. (a) Justify the title of the play “Mother Courage and Her Children”.

Or

- (b) Briefly narrate the encounter between Pi and Richard Parker.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write an essay on dramas since 1950’s.

Or

- (b) Explain the term “new morality” with influence to the writings of 1960s and 1970s.

17. (a) Write an essay on the feminist ideas expressed in the poem “Circe”.

Or

- (b) Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem “The Dog of Light Brigade”.

18. (a) Consider Kingsly Amis as a writer of campus fiction.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Jim Dixen in “Lucky Jim”.

19. (a) Write an essay on the symbolism, imagery and allegory in "Life of Pi".

Or

- (b) Discuss the theme of Survival in "Life of Pi".

20. (a) Enumerate Brecht's ideas about war in "Mother and Her Children".

Or

- (b) Write about the tragic death of Kattrin.
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