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English – Allied

CHICANO LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Luis Alberto says, “The Reader gave me the opportunity to disseminate these dark secrets to hundreds of thousands of people in —————”.
 - (a) California
 - (b) London
 - (c) Mexico
 - (d) New York

2. The term 'huddled masses' refers to the _____.
- (a) Californians
 - (b) Missconaries
 - (c) Mexican immigrants
 - (d) None of these
3. The cloud was the rain rolling off the waxy leaves of a _____ tree.
- (a) Magnolia
 - (b) Margosa
 - (c) Mango
 - (d) Orange
4. _____ thrust into thick branches serve as a roof.
- (a) Steel planks
 - (b) Copper planks
 - (c) Wood planks
 - (d) Aluminium planks
5. _____ was the sixth grade teacher of Francisco Jimenez.
- (a) Mr. Gamma
 - (b) Mr. Sermon
 - (c) Mr. Luna
 - (d) Mr. Lema
6. What did the narrator want for Christmas as a gift?
- (a) A blanket
 - (b) A ball
 - (c) A fishing pole
 - (d) A new shirt

7. What was Antonio's biggest obstacle in school?
- (a) He was younger than all of the other children
 - (b) He needed glasses to see the board
 - (c) He was too tired to learn
 - (d) He didn't speak English
8. What illness did Antonio get after he saw the murder?
- (a) Amnesia
 - (b) Bronchitis
 - (c) Pneumonia
 - (d) Depression
9. Name the lawyer who defends Henry
- (a) Zooter
 - (b) Suiter
 - (c) Blondie
 - (d) Alice
10. _____ is the girl friend of Henry.
- (a) Smiley
 - (b) Della
 - (c) Rudy
 - (d) Dolores

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What is the importance of a preface to a text?
- Or
- (b) What is the image of the Mexican border that Louis Alberto is to present in his memoir 'Across the wire'?

12. (a) What effect do the series of images have on the overall mood of the poem, 'The Cloud'?

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the theme of the poem, 'The Concrete River'.

13. (a) Explain the significance of the title, 'The Circuit'.

Or

- (b) What do you understand about the economic and social condition of the narrator's family from the story, 'Christmas Gift'?

14. (a) Analyse 'Bless me, Ultima' as a coming of age story.

Or

- (b) Attempt a character sketch of Antonio.

15. (a) Analyse the character of Rudy Reyna.

Or

- (b) What was the significance of the Zoot suit Riots?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Summarize the preface to 'Across the Wire' by Luis Alberto Urrea.

Or

- (b) Explain the startling truth narrated by Luis Alberto Urrea.

17. (a) How are different objects interconnected in the poem 'The Cloud'?

Or

- (b) How does Jimmy Santiago Baca blend the visual and acoustic elements to create a mood of warmth, comfort and safety in his poems.

18. (a) 'Under the wire is a story of Hope and Faith'. Explain.

Or

- (b) What is the author's concept of life in California?

19. (a) Critically analyse the theme of cultural crisis in 'Bless Me, Ultima'.

Or

- (b) Describe the role of Ultima in the development of the character of Antonio.

20. (a) How does Alice help Henry to withstand his trials and prison sentence?

Or

- (b) Examine the role of Pachuco in 'Zoot, suit'.
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