

M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021
THIRD SEMESTER
ENGLISH - ELECTIVE
COMMONWEALTH LITERATURE
(for those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum: 75 marks

Part - A (10 X 1 = 10 marks)
Answer all question, choose the correct answer:

1. In "Ruins of a Great House", Derek Walcott compares girls to _____
a) butterflies b) moths c) flies d) mayflies
2. Judas was the _____ of Jesus Christ
a) protector b) savior c) betrayer d) slave
3. Indian is given _____ work in Ryga's *Indian*
a) fencing b) mending c) patering d) fixing
4. Indian kills his brother in an act of _____
a) hatred b) abhorrence c) frenzy d) mercy
5. Rodabai is Lenny Sethi's _____
a) grandmother b) mother c) sister d) aunt
6. Colonel Bharucha, in *Ice-Candy Man*, is a _____
a) teacher b) doctor c) businessman d) lawyer
7. Morag Gunn marries a Professor _____ years her senior
a) 10 b) 12 c) 15 d) 5
8. Who tells Morag Gunn stories about her rich fictional ancestors?
a) Jules b) Brooke c) Prin Logan d) Christie

9. Arundhati Roy is a _____ activist

- a) political b) religious c) cultural d) peace

10. According to Roy _____ is the dream land to the corporate world

- a) Jammu b) Jharkhand c) Punjab d) Uttar Pradesh.

PART B-(5x5=25 Marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. a. Comment on Derek Walcott's description of the ruined mansion

Or

b. How does Morris criticize God's creation of disloyal people in 'Judas'?

12. a. What is the role played by Watson in Ryga's *Indian*?

Or

b. Describe why Indian killed his brother.

13. a. Comment on the significance of the title *Ice-Candy Man*.

Or

b. Sketch the character of Ayah Shanta

14. a. Bring out the autobiographical elements in Laurence *The Diviners*.

Or

b. Discuss the character of Brook Skelton in *The Diviners*.

15. a. Comment on Arundhati Roy's description of Dantewada in *Walking with the Comrades*?

Or

b. How does Roy present the case against the Indian Government's murderous politics towards the country's tribal population in *Walking with the Comrades*?

PART C – (5x8=40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. a. Justify the title of the poem 'A Far Cry from Africa'

Or

b. Discuss Razia Khan's depiction of worry of a mother in "My Daughter's Boyfriend"

17. a. Examine the sufferings of the native Canadians in Ryga's *Indian*.

Or

b. Discuss the theme of alienation in Ryga's *Indian*.

18. a. Consider Sidhwa's *Ice-Candy Man* as a partition novel.

Or

b. Examine Sidhwa's portrayal of women in *Ice-Candy Man*.

19. a. Give an account of the conflict between the generations in *The Diviners*

Or

b. Discuss the theme of search for a Canadian identity in *The Diviners*.

20. a. Bring out Arundhati Roy's views on the Maoists.

Or

b. *Walking with the Comrades* documents tribals resistance to the Indian government- Illustrate.