

M.A.(CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
NOVEMBER 2022.

First Semester

English – Elective

LITERATURE AND PANDEMICS

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Which character of Literature has been discussed in *A Litany in Time of Plague*?
(a) Cleopatra (b) Lara
(c) Helen (d) Terasa
2. Thom Gunn's *The Lament* is a lamentation of _____
(a) Covid -19 (b) AIDS
(c) Yellow Fever (d) Black death

8. Where does the girl with the dark glasses go blind?
(a) In a Parking Garage
(b) In a Garage
(c) In a Car
(d) In a Hotel
9. Where does Alan Krumwiede live in *Contagion*?
(a) New York (b) Baltimore
(c) Portland (d) San Francisco
10. Sam was severely bitten by a _____.
(a) Dog (b) Rat
(c) Deer (d) Lion

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain the views of Rossetti's through *The Plague*.
Or
(b) Comment on the confessions in Soon: *A Poem on AIDS*.

3. How many women meet at the church of Santa Maria Novella?
(a) Six (b) Seven
(c) Eight (d) Nine
4. The disease, discussed in *City of Corpses* is _____
(a) Blindness (b) Yellow fever
(c) AIDS (d) Covid-19
5. In "The Masque of the Red Death," what does the uninvited guest symbolize?
(a) Death (b) Celebration
(c) Wealth (d) Anger
6. Matthew Shawcross owned _____.
(a) A BMW (b) A House
(c) A Dog (d) Cable TV networks
7. In which city does *The Plague* take place?
(a) Paris (b) Erewhon
(c) Mexico (d) Oran

12. (a) Discuss the cause and cure of the pandemic in *City of Corpses*.
Or
(b) How does Boccaccio mirror the epidemic of 14th century Europe?
13. (a) Describe the abbeys in a few words from *The Masque of the Red Death*.
Or
(b) Why does John Shawcross create a new virus?
14. (a) How is the human imagination viewed in Albert Camus's *The Plague*?
Or
(b) Sketch the character of The girl with the dark glasses in *Blindness*.
15. (a) Explain how the virus traveled around the world in *Contagion*.
Or
(b) Describe the character Sam in *I am Legend*.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Enumerate the prayers of Thomas Nashe in *A Litany in Time of Plague*.

Or

- (b) Interpret Thom Gunn's poem *The Lament* in your own words.

17. (a) Describe in detail on American Plague discussed in *City of Corpses*.

Or

- (b) Victorian metropolis trying to make do with an Elizabethan public infrastructure. — Discuss.

18. (a) Justify the title — *The Moral Virologist*.

Or

- (b) Classify the characters of *My Hero is You*.

19. (a) Does the novel *The Plague* make a distinction between religion and spirituality? Discuss.

Or

- (b) Discuss how the asylum is closely akin to a concentration camp in *Blindness*.

20. (a) Expound the mass panic at global scale conferred in *Contagion*.

Or

- (b) Elaborate on the Portrayal of Seclusion in *I Am Legend*.