

CHOICE-BASED CREDIT SYSTEM FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION  
SEPTEMBER 2020

## M.A. ENGLISH

## POSTCOLONIAL THOUGHT AND LITERATURE

Time: 3 Hrs

Max. Marks: 70

I Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)

1. Examine how Said's *Orientalism* problematized the Orient/Occident binary.
2. Trace the historical context in which the category of writing called Commonwealth Literature emerged.
3. How, according to Fanon, is the colonial subject disempowered in and through language?

II Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)

1. Using examples from *The Empire Writes Back* show how the English language has been refashioned in texts from the margins.
2. Why, according to Tim Watson, was India of central importance to the integrity and preservation of the British Empire at the end of the nineteenth century?
3. Make a study of Kim's various 'father figures.'

III Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)

1. How does the carnival become a hybrid cultural location in "Tizzic"?
2. How does the "The Man with the Wooden Leg" provide an ironic perspective on war?
3. How is grief articulated in "Elegy for My Son"?

IV Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)

1. Would you agree that Okonkwo is destroyed by an oppressive ideal of masculinity? Give reasons for your answer.
2. How is the making of Creole subjectivities explored in *Wide Sargasso Sea*?
3. How does missionary evangelism impact the Igbo tribe?

V Write short notes on any TWO of the following in about 100 words: (2×5=10)

1. Latent and manifest Orientalism
2. Hegemony in the context of *The Empire Writes Back*
3. The significance of waiting, in women's lives, as seen in "Indian Women"
4. Ikemefuna in *Things Fall Apart*

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## AMERICAN LITERATURE

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**I Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)**

1. Discuss in detail the causes that led to the Great Depression.
2. What was the impact of Harlem Renaissance on Harlem and Black America?
3. Analyse the contributions made to women's rights by the first Women's Rights Convention.

**II Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)**

1. Critically examine the scarlet letter as a symbol of 'shame' and later on of 'redemption' in The Scarlet Letter.
2. Discuss the role played by Jim O'Casey in The Grapes of Wrath.
3. How does Henry James build up a sense of mystery in The Turn of the Screw?

**III Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)**

1. "I Heard a Fly Buzz" dramatises the speaker's act of dying, as well as Dickinson's mystical vision. Discuss.
2. Discuss how the birches become a symbol of 'that which transcends the material world' in "Birches".
3. Critically comment on the themes of life and death as seen in "Lady Lazarus."

**IV Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)**

1. Critically comment and examine the relation between Amanda and Tom in The Glass Menagerie.
2. Comment on The Glass Menagerie as a memory play.
3. "None of the Wingfields seem to be able to accept or relate to the harsh reality of their lives." Comment.

**V Write short notes on any TWO of the following in about 100 words each : (2×5=10)**

1. The Broadway Theatre
2. Pimje Salzman in "The Magic Barrel."
3. India in "Passage to India"
4. The fire escape in The Glass Menagerie

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## ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

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## PART - A

I Answer any TWO of the following in about 200 words each: (2x10=20)

- a) Write an essay on the essential features of journalistic writing.
- b) What are the key components of an advertisement? Use an illustration to describe the features of an effective advertisement.
- c) Identify the criteria for writing brochures, fliers and newsletters.
- d) What are the guidelines for writing an editorial?
- e) Give an overview of Print Media Laws in India.

## PART - B

I. Attempt any ONE of the following: (05)

- a) Write a script for a Five minutes talk to be broadcast on the radio in about 100-150 words, on one of the following topics.
  1. The tremors felt in Delhi.
  2. Reality shows
  3. Increase in price of petrol and diesel.

OR

- b) Write a feature article on a place of historical importance.

II Answer the following: (2x10=20)

- a) You are Maya – the water analyst and you have tested the borewell water of Kriya Apartments and found it contaminated. Write a letter to the builder – Mr. Sanketh Shanbagh, 405, Crest Hill, Kadri, Mangalore informing him about the test result. You belong to Pandit Laboratories, Balmatta, Mangalore.
- b) Disability Care Links requires an Administrative Assistant to work in its Central Mumbai Office. The organisation is a specialist in the field of disability care services. The job involves a variety of administrative duties. These will include filing, letter writing, sorting post, obtaining information from a computer, photocopying and maintaining records. Training will be provided if necessary, to equip the job-holder with computer skills to enable him/her to use the organisation's computer system.

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Mumbai

**III a) Read the given passage and proof read it using the standard proofreading marks. Attach the printed passage proofread by you to your answer booklet for submission. (10)**

**b) Write a news report based on the details given below: (05)**

IAS officer brutally murdered after his attempts to thwart the smuggling of sandalwood from Bandipur.

**IV Answer any ONE of the following: (05)**

- a) Draft the layout and copy of an advertisement for an induction heater being brought out by Prestige Company.
- b) Draft the layout and copy of an advertisement for a workshop on Entrepreneurship Development being organised by an educational institution
- c) Draft the copy for a brochure for free eye check up camp.

**V Make a stylistic analysis of the given passage: (05)**

Remember that vegan called Steven

Yes he would not kill for no reason

Well I saw him today

Wearing nothing I say

But some cabbage leaves

With a few peas on.

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The passage to be proofread and attached to the answer booklet:

Plums is my favourite fruit. To me, the plum is a perfect fruit. It is sweet delicious and pretty, too. I love the way it is fitting in your hand. Some fruits, such as pineapples, are too big for one person to eat. Others, such as papayas, bananas, and avocados, had to be peeled, which takes time and can be very messy. Plums, however, are easy to eat, when you are finished, all you have to do is throw away the pit!

Plums are perhaps the most attractive fruit because they come in so many colors.

From pale yellow to bright red to deep purple. They are a nutritious snack, because they are loaded with vitamin A and potassium. They also have lots of natural sugars that will gave you plenty of energy. Suppose you buy a bag of plums and the first one you eat is not very sweet, don't throw the plums away! Place them in a brown paper bag with a few other plums for a day or two. They will ripen in the bag and soon you will be eating delicious piece of fruit.

The only bad thing about plums is that them are only available for a few months out of the year. Other fruits, like apples and pears, seem to be available all year long.

The better fruit of them all, however, only grows in the summer. That's why, when summer comes around, I greedy eat as many plums as I can.

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## LITERATURE FROM THE MARGINS

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I Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)

1. Examine the connection between the spread of English and colonial education and the consolidation of the Raj.
2. Why does Spivak worry about the attempts of postcolonial critics to give the subaltern a voice?
3. How does Kaviraj critique the structure of Indian nationalist discourse?

II Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)

1. Show how Basudev Sunani's "Seek Him Out" reflects Dalit experience.
2. How is a sense of marginalization created in Waman Kardak's, "Send My Boy to School"?
3. How does the imagery of 'caves' in Lanjewar's poem bring out the central theme of injustice in the poem, "Caves"?

III Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)

1. Examine the sense of community seen in the play The Rez Sisters
2. Discuss how the game of bingo forms an important symbol in The Rez Sisters
3. Critically comment on the role played by the older sisters Pelajia and Philomena in The Rez Sisters.

IV Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words: (15)

1. How does Maria Campbell highlight the pain of being a half-breed in her autobiographical work?
2. Critically analyse the women characters in Akkharmashi.
3. What are the issues affecting the HIV positive individuals that Kalpana Jain brings out in her work?

V Write short notes on any TWO of the following in about 100 words: (2×5=10)

1. 'Shikshita' and 'Vidya' according to Bankimchandra Chatterjee
2. Imagery in "Prayer of a Little Black Boy"
3. Zhaboonigan in The Rez Sisters
4. Chechum in Half-Breed

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