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FIFTH SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020

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English

ENG 5B 01/DMENG 5B 01—INDIAN WRITINGS IN ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer *all* questions. Each question carries 1 mark :

1 Who endowed Sarojini Naidu the title 'The Nightingale of India' ?

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| (a) Mahatma Gandhi. | (b) Jawaharlal Nehru. |
| (c) Gopalakrishna Gokhale. | (d) Rabindranath Tagore. |

2 What makes the poet surrender in front of the breeze of April ?

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| (a) Its kisses. | (b) Its sweetness. |
| (c) Its softness. | (d) Its nature. |

3 According to the narrator, what is filled in the 'wings of the crows' ?

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| (a) Honey. | (b) Water. |
| (c) Poison. | (d) None of these. |

4 Where was Miss Pushpa's father practicing ?

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| (a) Calcutta. | (b) Bulsar. |
| (c) Bombay. | (d) Surat. |

5 What is the colour of the fig leaves ?

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| (a) Green. | (b) Red. |
| (c) Gray. | (d) Yellow. |

6 Which river is mentioned in the poem "Postcard from Kashmir" ?

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| (a) The Indus. | (b) The Yamuna. |
| (c) The Ganges. | (d) The Jhelum. |

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7 What was Angoori's concept about women getting educated ?

- (a) Innovative. (b) Sin.
(c) Improvement. (d) None of these.

8 How should Indians face the new responsibilities ?

- (a) With care. (b) With discipline.
(c) With passion. (d) With arrogance.

9 What was the nature of love of R. K. Narayan ?

- (a) Steady. (b) Unsteady.
(c) Very strong. (d) Rigid.

10 When did Kaka and Kaki bring Indu to the ancestral home ?

- (a) After her mother's death. (b) After the rainy season.
(c) When she got married. (d) When she was fifteen.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer at least *seven* questions. Each question carries 3 marks. All questions can be attended.
Overall Ceiling 21 :

- 11 Why does Krishna say that Radha does not need to search for him all around ?
12 How does the Breezy April make the leaves to surrender before it ?
13 When does she remember him in the poem "In Love" ?
14 Why does Miss Pushpa leave the country ?
15 What is the nostalgia in the poem "Looking for a Cousin on a Swing".
16 How does the poet describe Jhelum ?
17 Why was Angoori's union with Prabhathi postponed for five years ?
18 "Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny". What does Nehru mean by this ?
19 Why did Narayan befriend the headmaster ?
20 Why did not Rani serve the curry made of magical root to Appanna ?
21 Why do the flames meet in the ruined temple ?
22 What was Akka's decision at death-bed ?

(7 × 3 = 21 marks)

III. Answer at least *three* questions. Each question carries 7 marks. All questions can be attended.
Overall Ceiling 21 :

- 23 Explain the character of Miss Pushpa.
- 24 What is the theme of the poem "In Love"?
- 25 Comment on the imagery in "Postcard from Kashmir".
- 26 "Freedom brings responsibility". What were the urgent responsibilities of the new rulers ?
- 27 Narayan's infatuation for a pen friend in England.
- 28 The structure and the theatrical technique used in the play "Naga-Mandala".

(3 × 7 = 21 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* questions. Each question carries 14 marks :

- 29 Narrate how devotion and love are portrayed in "The Quest".
- 30 Discuss the relevance of Nehru's speech in Indian history.
- 31 *Roots and Shadows* as a feminist novel.
- 32 Describe "Naga-Mandala" as a feminist play.

(2 × 14 = 28 marks)