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Fourth Semester

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. The author of the book "Across the wire" is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) Luis J. Rodriguez
  - (b) Luis Alberto Urrea
  - (c) Jimmy Santiago Baca
  - (d) Rudolfo A. Ananya
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ remarks the Luis Urrea's birth place, where the tragedies and brutal crimes.
  - (a) Tijuana
  - (b) Mexico
  - (c) Boston
  - (d) Naperville

3. The poem "The concrete River" illuminates the gritty idiosyncrasies of immigrant life in \_\_\_\_ barrios.
- (a) Urban                      (b) Town
- (c) City                      (d) Rural
4. The poet Santiago Baca compares his poem to a coat, or a pair of socks that can keep his beloved warm in \_\_\_\_
- (a) summer                      (b) winter
- (c) autumn                      (d) spring
5. The opening story, "Under the wire", describes the \_\_\_\_ that a move to the U.S. will end their problems.
- (a) family belief                      (b) superstitious belief
- (c) lack of money                      (d) lack of education
6. "The Christmas Gifts" selected as a notable children's gift was a book by the \_\_\_\_ Library Association.
- (a) Australian                      (b) American
- (c) Britain                      (d) Indian

7. What is the significance of the title "Bless me Ultima"?
- (a) Power of God
  - (b) blessings of God
  - (c) Identify the God
  - (d) Nature of good and evil.
8. Ultima's teacher was known as the \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Owl
  - (b) God
  - (c) Flying man
  - (d) Lion
9. The Zoo suit is the style in \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) America
  - (b) California
  - (c) England
  - (d) Africa
10. \_\_\_\_\_ rises his objection against the clothing restriction.
- (a) Rafas
  - (b) George
  - (c) Pachuco
  - (d) Smith

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) How did Luis Urrea call his book Across the wire in the preface?

Or

- (b) Across the wire is a tribute to the people of Tijuana - enumerate.

12. (a) Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Cloud".

Or

- (b) Attempt thematic study on the poem "The Concrete River".

13. (a) How did Francisco's family feel in California? Explain.

Or

- (b) Explain the value of Christmas Gift by Timenez.

14. (a) Assess the supernatural divine in the novel Bless Me Ultima.

Or

- (b) Why did Antonio seek knowledge from his church? Elucidate.

15. (a) Narrate the fight between two gangs in the play Zoo-Suit.

Or

- (b) How did Henry and Della decide to go to the ranch? Explain.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) What is 'Chicanismo'? and write a thematic study on Chicano Literature?

Or

- (b) Explain the term "The Tortilla Curtain" in the prose "Across the wire" (preface).

17. (a) Identify the incredible sense and powerful feeling in Sandra Cisneros's "Cloud".

Or

- (b) Examine the theme of shifting identities in the poem "The Concrete River".

18. (a) Did Papa get Christmas gift? Narrate the story of Christmas Gifts by Timenez.

Or

- (b) Explain the influences of English language in "The Circuit".

19. (a) How did Antonio witness the death of several people he loves? elucidate.

Or

- (b) Why did Ultima accept her death? Give reasons.

20. (a) Examine the character El Pachuco the consummate Mexican American Pachuco figure in the play Zoo-Suit?

Or

- (b) The Los Angeles police department banned the wearing of Zoo suits. Explain the reasons.
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