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First Semester

English

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH – I

(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. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on _____.
 - (a) October 5, 1896
 - (b) October 3, 1840
 - (c) October 2, 1869
 - (d) October 10, 1880

- Rajaji agreed to the words of the _____ tree in Tree
Speaks.

(a) Pipal (b) Neem

(c) Mango (d) Apple

3. The Scorpion came inside the house to seek ____.

(a) Food

(c) Protection (d) Heat

4. The sting of the scorpion's tail caused much pain to the poet's ____.

(a) Father

(c) Sister

5. A.K.Ramanujan has his own personal views on the _____ process.

(a) Universal (b) Writing

(c) Poetic (d) Listening

6. The astrologer has chosen the spot under the _____ tree in Astrologer's day.

(a) Tamarind (b) Pomegranate

(c) Apple (d) Banyan

7. In the short story *The Woman on Platform No.8*, Arun was almost _____ years old.
- (a) 13 (b) 12
- (c) 11 (d) 10
8. In the short story *The Woman on Platform No.8*, Arun was waiting on platform 8 to take a train to go _____.
- (a) Home (b) to his friends house
- (c) to boarding school (d) on a sightseeing trip
9. The climax of Tendulkar's play highlights the casual brutality of the _____ society.
- (a) Kind (b) Oppressing
- (c) Androcentric (d) Feministic
10. The theme of social _____ is of vital importance in *Untouchable*.
- (a) Slavery (b) Suffering
- (c) Justice (d) Alienation

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Describe Gandhi's views on Ahimsa.

Or

- (b) Comment on the thought of "Tryst with Destiny" by Nehru.

12. (a) Write a short note on symbols used in the poem The Tame Bird was in a Cage by Tagore.

Or

- (b) How did the villagers come to the aid of the woman in The Night of the Scorpion?

13. (a) Did the astrologer really possess the skill of telling the future in An Astrologer's Day?

Or

- (b) Why did Arun like the stranger in The Woman on Platform No.8?

14. (a) Sketch the character of Ponkshe in the play Silence! The court is in session.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Mr.Kashikar in the play Silence! The court is in session.

15. (a) How does Bakha go around asking for food in the novel *Untouchable*?

Or

- (b) Write on the minor characters in the novel *Untouchable*?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Explain nonviolence as the law of human race.

Or

- (b) State the key points of *Tryst with Destiny* by Jawaharlal Nehru.

17. (a) Examine the climax of the poem *The Tame Bird Was in a Cage*.

Or

- (b) Describe the peasants view on the stinging in a positive manner in the poem *Night of the Scorpion*.

18. (a) Describe the character of the astrologer in *Astrologer's Day*.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Hamid in *Idgah* by Prem Chand.

19. (a) Explain the theme of the play Silence! The court is in session.

Or

- (b) Write a critical analysis of the character Leela Benare in the play Silence! The court is in session.

20. (a) In Untouchable Bakha is constantly day dreaming and falling into trance-like states. Comment.

Or

- (b) 'Though a serious and at times tragic work, Untouchable is also known for its comedy' - Illustrate.
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