

MA ENGLISH  
FOURTH SEMESTER (SPECIAL REPEAT)  
AFRICAN LITERATURE  
MEN-402  
[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

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Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

**( Objective )**

**1 × 20 = 20**

*Choose the correct answer from the following:*

1. Where did Hannah accept a refugee job after leaving Sonny?
  - a. Addis Abada
  - b. Anti-Apartheid movement
  - c. Abada Airs
  - d. In a school
2. In which car did Hannah drive to the battleground streets of Soweto?
  - a. Old fiat
  - b. Jeep
  - c. Volkswagen Beetle
  - d. BMW
3. Why does Sidi refuse to marry Lakunle?
  - a. She thinks she is too good for him
  - b. He will not pay the bride-price
  - c. She does not believe in marriage
  - d. He is too condescending
4. Why does Sidi decide to visit Baroka's palace?
  - a. To console him
  - b. To have sex with him
  - c. To marry him
  - d. To laugh at him
5. What does Baroka promise to print Sidi's face on?
  - a. Stamps
  - b. Adverts
  - c. Magazines
  - d. Posters
6. What change did Will see in Aila after she came home from Lusaka?
  - a. She became silent
  - b. She became beautiful
  - c. She became depressed
  - d. She had cut her hair short
7. Who was Mousa in A Handful of Dates?
  - a. Merchant
  - b. Another name for Masood
  - c. The grandfather's name
  - d. None of the given
8. "What's a picaninny like you doing alone in the streets at night?" Who said the line to whom?
  - a. Prophet to the boy
  - b. Biza to the boy
  - c. Timi to the boy
  - d. Biza to Timi
9. Who was a Corporal in the Police Force?
  - a. Bana
  - b. Sazan
  - c. Zimba
  - d. Jole
10. Find the odd one out.
  - a. A Forest of Flowers
  - b. Lemona's Tale
  - c. Genocide in Nigeria
  - d. Bandarshah

11. The title of Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* has been taken from which of the following poems by W.B. Yeats?
  - a. Sailing to Byzantium
  - b. The Second Coming
  - c. Leda and the Swan
  - d. He wishes for the cloths of Heaven
12. Whom did Okonkwo defeat in his first wrestling match?
  - a. Obrieka
  - b. The egwuwu
  - c. Amalinze
  - d. Maduka
13. Which of the following animal fables was told by Ekwefi to Ezinma?
  - a. The tale of mosquito and ear
  - b. The tale of the tortoise's bumpy shell
  - c. The tale of the Vulture and Sky
  - d. The tale of Mother Kite and Daughter Kite
14. Ikemefuna belonged to the village of.....
  - a. Mbanta
  - b. Mbaino
  - c. Abame
  - d. Umuofia
15. The Week of Peace is maintained as a mark of respect to.....
  - a. The Sacred Python
  - b. The Earth Goddess Ani
  - c. The God of Lightning Amiodora
  - d. Egwuwu
16. Who was Uchendu?
  - a. Okonkwo's cousin
  - b. Okonkwo's maternal uncle
  - c. Okonkwo's best friend
  - d. Okonkwo's neighbour
17. Why was the church in Umuofia destroyed?
  - a. Because one of the converted Igbos insulted them
  - b. Because of the killing of the sacred python
  - c. Because an egwuwu was unmasked
  - d. Because they wanted to fight with them
18. Why were the village elders of Umuofia arrested by the District Commissioner?
  - a. For their cultural practices
  - b. For destruction of the church
  - c. For beating up their wives
  - d. For not going to the white man's school
19. What is AIDS?
  - a. Acquitted Immono Deficiency Syndrome
  - b. Acquired Immuno Deficient Syndrome
  - c. Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome
  - d. Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
20. Where did Will and his family move to from their childhood house?
  - a. Reef town
  - b. Lusaka
  - c. Benoni
  - d. Johannesburg

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**( Descriptive )**

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

[ Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest ]

1. a) Do you find the narrator of "Africa Kills Her Son" as a reliable one? Explain with adequate examples from the text. 6+4=10  
b) Comment on your opinion about the usage of the word 'Cool' in the story.
  2. Describe the dramatic roles of Sidi, Baroka and Lakunle in the play The Lion and The Jewel. 4+6=10
  3. Discuss the context of the Ngugi Wa Thiongo's essay "Quest for Relevance". According to Ngugi, what were the types of depiction of Africans in texts written on or about Africa? Why did Ngugi and other members of academia wish to remove the study of English Literature? 5+5=10
  4. Who was Unoka? Describe how Unoka's life affected Okonkwo's outlook towards life and himself. 4+6=10
  5. Discuss the representation of the Igbo culture and practices in Achebe's Things Fall Apart. How did the life of the natives undergo a change with the arrival of the colonizers? 10
  6. How does Nadine Gordimer present the participation of black women such as Aila in the revolutionary struggle against apartheid in South Africa? 5+5=10
- Or
- Describe Sonny's relationship with Hannah? What effect did it have on Baby and Will?
7. a) Comment on Ndebele's use of 'Appearance' and 'Reality' in "The Prophetess". 5+5=10  
b) What is your observation of the conclusion of the story?
  8. Write short notes on the following: (any two) 5+5=10
    - a) Animal imagery and Masood in "A Handful of Dates"
    - b) Significance of Bana's letter to Zole in "Africa kills her Sun"
    - c) Manoji, Dreams and the Sun in "Slow Poison"
    - d) The Bus Episode, the boy and the Prophetess

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