

MA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER (SPECIAL REPEAT)
INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH
MEN-405 A
[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

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Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

(Objective)

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

1. 'He risked the rain again.' Who does "he" refer to?
 - a. A snake
 - b. A scorpion
 - c. A hippo
 - d. A leopard
2. What are the eyes of the 'widowed women' described as in the poem *Dawn at Puri*?
 - a. Godly
 - b. Austere
 - c. Angry
 - d. Full of desire
3. How is the wolf described in the first lines of the poem *Wolf*?
 - a. A vague form or silhouette
 - b. In the form of wolf
 - c. As a light from the dark
 - d. No image described
4. In *Women in Dutch Paintings* Eunice de Souza compares the women in:
 - a. Asian paintings
 - b. Leonardo da Vinci's paintings
 - c. Vermeer's paintings
 - d. Van Gogh's paintings
5. What is Gulzaman attending to in the poem *Gulzaman's Son*?
 - a. Birth of a dog
 - b. Birth of a lamb
 - c. Birth of a horse
 - d. Birth of a cat
6. Which political movement is reflected in Mahasweta Devi's novel?
 - a. Freedom Movement
 - b. Civil Disobedience Movement
 - c. Apartheid
 - d. Naxalite Movement
7. The cause of Brati's death was:
 - a. Mob lynching
 - b. Police Encounter
 - c. Heart Disease
 - d. None
8. The name of Brati's Girlfriend was:
 - a. Nidhi
 - b. Nisha
 - c. Nandini
 - d. Nimisha
9. The characters of Dattani's plays are compared to which plant?
 - a. Banana
 - b. Jamun
 - c. Eucalyptus
 - d. Bonsai
10. Mahesh Dattani is the first playwright in English to be awarded with:
 - a. Pulitzer Prize
 - b. Nobel Prize
 - c. Sahitya Akademi Award
 - d. Ramon Magsaysay

11. Who said in the novel, *The English Teacher*, "Never trust these English doctors"?
 - a. The contractor
 - b. Krishna
 - c. Gajapati
 - d. The Headmaster
12. Which is the first novel of R. K. Narayan?
 - a. Swami and Friends
 - b. The English Teacher
 - c. The Guide
 - d. The Bachelor of Arts
13. For which novel R.K. Narayan got the Sahitya Academy Award in 1960?
 - a. The Dark Room
 - b. The Guide
 - c. Vendor of Sweets
 - d. The Financial Expert
14. What kind of novel is *The English Teacher*?
 - a. Historical Fiction
 - b. Bildungsroman
 - c. Slave narrative
 - d. Autobiographical
15. Who said the following line in the novel, *The English Teacher*, "I shall never accept a girl from High Court Judge's family"?
 - a. Sushila
 - b. Leela
 - c. Gopal
 - d. Kamu
16. What is the name of the Scottish man who set up a successful egalitarian society in the Sundarbans temporarily?
 - a. Sir Daniel Hamilton
 - b. Sir Edward Lynch
 - c. Sir Peter Matthews
 - d. None of these
17. is an American scientist of Indian descent specializing in marine mammals.
 - a. Kanai Dutt
 - b. Horen Naskor
 - c. Piyali Roy
 - d. Nilima Bose
18. Which poet is repeatedly referred to in Nirmal's writing?
 - a. Edgar Allen Poe
 - b. Rainer Marie Rilke
 - c. Henry Wadsworth
 - d. William Butler Yeats
19. Badabon Trust was founded by.....
 - a. Piyali Roy
 - b. Moyna
 - c. Nilima Bose
 - d. Fokir
20. Who is the goddess who protects the Sundarbans?
 - a. Saraswati
 - b. Bon Bibi
 - c. Durga
 - d. Kali

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(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

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| 1. What are the autobiographical elements found in the novel, <i>The English Teacher</i> and show how Narayan uses contrast effectively in the novel. | 6+4=10 |
| 2. How does <i>Mother of 1084</i> reflect the inherent patriarchal structure? How does the mother fight against the societal structure? | 5+5=10 |
| 3. What is the interpretation of the past that Jayanta Mahapatra undertakes in his poetry? Discuss the significance of this past from the poems you have read. | 5+5=10 |
| 4. Describe the myth of Bon Bibi and its significance in the life of the people of the Sundarbans. | 5+5=10 |
| 5. Trace the development of the Indian novel with specific reference to the novels written in English. | 10 |
| 6. a) Examine the dramatic significance of the characters of Sridhar and Lalitha in <i>Bravely Fought the Queen</i> .
b) In <i>Bravely Fought the Queen</i> there is a feminist touch in the portrayal of women characters. Do you agree? Give reasons. | 5+5=10 |
| 7. From your reading of Eunice de Souza's poems, critically analyze the different themes she brings up in them. Does she assert any theme in particular? Discuss. | 7+3=10 |
| 8. Choose any two episodes in <i>The English Teacher</i> and explain how they make you think more about the happy marriage between Sushila and Krishna. | 5+5=10 |

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