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Unit Test 1 2020 (Assignment)

Full Marks: 20

BA 1st Sem (Honours) Paper 101(HCC-1):

1. Consider Macbeth as a tragedy of inordinate ambition. 10
Or,
Give a critical appreciation of 'The Sunne Rising'.
Or,
Trace the development of English drama in the Elizabethan Age up to advent of the University Wits.
Or,
Consider Mac Flecknoe as a satirical poem.
2. Answer any five of the following. 2 X5
 - a) Who were the three witches? Why did they confront Macbeth and Banquo?
 - b) What were the predictions of the witches regarding Banquo?
 - c) Why was the speaker in Donne's poem angry with the sun?
 - d) What was the poet's ultimate suggestion to the sun?
 - e) Give a description of the behaviour of the Knight towards the ladies.
 - f) Name two luminaries among University Wits.
 - g) Name a conceit used in the poem 'The Sunne Rising'.

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BA 1st Sem (Honours) Paper 102 (HCC-1) :

1. In the poem 'Night of the Scorpion', Nissim Ezekiel shuns comment and allows a variety of attitudes to emerge dramatically. Discuss. 10
Or,
Consider the issues of gender-discrimination and parental guilt in the play 'Tara'.
Or,
Discuss the plot of the novel 'Swami and Friends' by R.K.Narayan.
Or,
Give a brief idea of the history of Indian English poetry from 1857 to 1920.
2. Answer any five of the following. 2 X5
 - a) Explain the meaning of the expression 'giant scorpion shadows'.
 - b) Why did the peasant click their tongues?
 - c) Describe the poet's attitude to his father as revealed in the poem 'Night of the Scorpion.'
 - d) Why did Dr. Thakkar go for operating on the twins despite knowing its unethical side?
 - e) Why did Roopa spread the scandals about the twins of Patel-family?
 - f) Who were the friends of Swaminathan? Who was the new friend introduced to them? Why was he so important?
 - g) How has M. K. Naik divided the history of Indian English poetry?

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BA 3rd Sem (Honours) Paper 301(HCC-5) :

1. Consider Gray as a pseudo-romanticist with reference to the poem 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard'. 10
Or,
Analyse the character of Robinson Crusoe in the novel of Daniel Defoe.
Or,
Give an idea of the contribution of the Pre-romantics in English poetry.
Or,
Examine Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels as a political satire with special reference to Book III.
2. Answer any five of the following. 2 X5
 - a) What is an elegy? What type of an elegy do we find in Gray's poem?
 - b) What name was given by Crusoe to the savage that he had rescued? Why?
 - c) What was Comedy of Manners?
 - d) Name two other restoration playwrights apart from Congreve.
 - e) Who was Millamant? What was her relation with Lady Wishfort?
 - f) Name two important transitional poets of the age after Pope.
 - g) "The Curfew tolls the knell of the parting day"—what was the implication of the use of the word 'knell'? What type of figure of speech has been used here?

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BA 3rd Sem (Honours) Paper 302(HCC-6) :

1. Give a critical appreciation of the play 'Pot of Gold'. 10
Or,
Consider Horace as a satirist with reference to the pieces prescribed in your course.
Or,
Analyse the idea of Catharsis as expounded in Aristotle's Poetics.
2. Answer any five of the following. 2 X5
 - a) Who is Staphyla?
 - b) Why does Euclio go to the meeting convened by the chairman of his ward? What is the result there?
 - c) Who is Tiresias? Why is he called for by Oedipus?
 - d) What does Euclio think when Megadorus comes with a marriage proposal?
 - e) What was the riddle of Sphinx? How did Oedipus solve it?
 - f) Name the writers of ancient comedy as mentioned in Horace's Satires I. IV.
 - g) Who was Eupolis?
 - h) Who was Aristophanes?

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BA 3rd Sem (Honours) Paper 303 (HCC-7) :

1. Sketch the character of Celie highlighting the different phases of the transformation of her character. 10
Or,
Give an idea of Katherine Mansfield as a modernist writer with special reference to the story 'Bliss'.
Or,
Consider Emily Dickinson's poem "I Cannot Live With You" as an ideal love poem.
2. Answer any five of the following. 2 X5
 - a) 'The Sexton keeps the Key to' – Why did Miss Dickinson introduce the Sexton here?
 - b) "They'd judge Us — How —/ For You — served Heaven — You know,"— Who are 'They' mentioned in stanza 8 of the poem?
 - c) When was 'The Color Purple', the novel by Alice Walker, published? When did it win the Pulitzer Prize?
 - d) What is an Epistolary novel? Why is 'The Color Purple' regarded as a work of this genre?
 - e) What were the names of the two lost children of Celie? How did she ultimately reunite with them?
 - f) Explain the symbol of the pear-tree in the story 'Bliss'?
 - g) To the reaction of which work did Mary Wollstonecraft compose the book 'A Vindication of the Rights of Woman'?

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BA 5th Sem (Honours) Paper 501(HCC-11) :

1. Critically analyse Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness as an indictment of imperialism and colonial exploitation. 10
Or,
Give a critical appreciation of the poem 'Sailing to Byzantium'.
Or,
Analyse and examine 'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock' critically.
Or,
Trace the development of Poetic Drama in the modern English literature.
2. Answer any five of the following. 2 X5
 - a) Who was the narrator in the story 'Heart of Darkness'? Where did he narrate his story?
 - b) Who was Kurtz? What did the Company's Manager tell Marlow about him?
 - c) When and in what magazine did Conrad publish his 'Heart of Darkness' serially?
 - d) Who was Clarissa Dalloway? Who was her husband?
 - e) In which novel did Virginia Woolf introduce the the Dalloways for the first time? Which of her novel immediately preceded 'Mrs. Dalloway'?
 - f) What type of beast was visualised by Yeats to symbolise Jesus's heroic return in his poem 'The Second Coming'? How was it related to the concept of 'Spiritus Mundi'?
 - g) What metaphysical conceit has been used in the beginning of Eliot's poem 'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock'?

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BA 5th Sem (Honours) Paper 502 (HCC-12) :

1. Justify the appropriateness of the title of Ibsen's play 'Ghosts'. 10
Or,
Consider Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot' as a tragi-comedy.
Or,
How has Chekov's play 'The Cherry Orchard' highlighted the tussle between feudalism and capitalism?
2. Answer any five of the following. 2 X5
 - a) What were the names of the two vagabonds in Beckett's play 'Waiting for Godot'?
 - b) What was the actual name of the lady designated by Brecht as Mother Courage? What were the names of her three children?
 - c) Which novel inspired Brecht's title 'Mother Courage and Her Children'? Who was the author of this novel?
 - d) Distinguish between sado-machoistic and bickering hate-love relationship among the characters of 'Waiting for Godot'.
 - e) Who was the father of Oswald? What venereal disease was inherited by him from his father?
 - f) What was the full name of Lopakhin? From which class did he get liberated?
 - g) What was the dramatic principle 'Chekhov's gun'? Why was it not applied in 'The Cherry Orchard'?

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BA 5th Sem (Honours) Paper DSE-1 :

1. Write a critical appreciation of Amrita Pritam's poem 'Today, I Say Unto Waris Shah' with reference to the gendered nature of violence during the Partition of India.
Or,
"Northeast poetry has often been labelled as 'Poetry from the Troubled Zone' or 'Poetry in the Time of Terror'. Analyze Thangjam Ibopishak Singh's poem 'The Land of the Half Humans' in the light of this statement. 10
Or,
Discuss the development of thought in the poem "Light, oh where is the Light"?
2. Answer any five of the following. 2 X5
 - a) How has Tagore introduced the imagery of black night in the last stanza of "Light, oh where is the Light"?
 - b) What is the name of the Hindi poem by G.M. Muktibodh translated as 'The Void'? Who translated it?
 - c) Who was Waris Shah? What was the theme of his seminal work 'Heer Ranjha'?
 - d) Why has Thangjam Ibopishak Singh held Manipur as a sort of 'the Land of the Half human' populated by people who are 'just head without body for six months, just body without head for another six months'?
 - e) How has the play 'Andha Yug' signified King Dhritarashtra's literal and metaphorical blindness?
 - f) In which language was the novel 'The Untouchable Spring' by G. Kalyan Rao written? What was its native name?
 - g) How has G. Kalyan Rao explored the mythical story that explores the relationship between today's dalits and the dead cow?

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BA 1st Sem (Elective Eng) Paper 301 (DSC-1):

1. Give an estimate of the growth of British poetry during the modern period. Who were its prime luminaries? 8
Or,
Evaluate the success of Eliot in presenting the imageries in his poem 'Preludes'.
Or,
How can Golding's 'Lord of the Flies' be regarded as an allegory of conflict between civilisation and savagery?
Or,
Give a critical appreciation of Philip Larkin's poem 'Church Going'.
2. Answer any three: 2 X 3
 - (a) What is the form of the beast in Yeats's poem 'The Second Coming'?
 - (b) What did Producers Research and High-Grade Living declare about the unknown citizen?
 - (c) How many stanzas are there in the poem 'Church Going'? How many lines are in each stanza?
 - (d) Who was Simon? How was he murdered?
 - (e) Who originally coined the jargon "angry young men"? What is its relevance in Osborne's play 'Look Back in Anger'?
 - (f) What do the bear and squirrel symbolize in "Look Back in Anger"?
3. Answer any six: 1 X 6
 - (a) Who was the employer of Auden's 'unknown citizen'?
 - (b) What does the conch symbolise in the novel 'Lord of the Flies'?
 - (c) Who is an Eugenist?
 - (d) Who was mentioned as the 'fat boy' in the first chapter of the novel 'Lord of the Flies'?
 - (e) What was the name of Jimmy Porter's wife?
 - (f) What is the surname of Cliff?
 - (g) What is a Kitchen Sink drama?
 - (h) Why has Eliot compared the evening of city-life with the burnt-out end of a cigarette?

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BA 1st Sem (Gen Eng) Paper 101 (ENGL):

1. Describe the sufferings of Aksionov in the jail of Siberia. 8
Or,
Why does Elwin call his journey to Tawang a pilgrimage? Give reasons for your answer.
Or,
Analyse the character of Mathilde in the story 'The Necklace'.
2. Answer any two of the following: 1 X 2
 - a) What is 'Se La Pass'?
 - b) From which book of Elwin 'A Pilgrimage to Tawang' is taken?
 - c) What was the name of the friend from which Mathilde borrowed the necklace?
 - d) What was name of the town to which Aksionov belonged?
3. What were the two occasions when Tawang came into the world news? 2
Or,
Why was Aksionov convicted? 2
4. Write an application to the Principal, Khaspur Govt. H.S. School for the post of Assistant Teacher in English. 6
Or,
Write a descriptive account on any of the following:
 - i) Global Warming;
 - ii) Uses and abuses of cell phones.
5. Put appropriate Question Tags: (Any one): 1
 - i) Let us have a picnic, _____ ?
 - ii) Sangeeta seldom goes to college, _____ ?
 - iii) Ram and Shyam are friends, _____ ?
6. Correct the following sentences: (Any one) 1
 - i) My son is going to study in United States.
 - ii) John as well as his brother are punished for the offence.
 - iii) Price of vegetable is on the rise.

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BA 1st Sem (Elective Eng) Paper 101 (DSC-1/GE-1):

4. Why was Milton angry with God? How did he reconcile with his feelings in the long run? 2+6
Or,
Give an idea of the Influence of Puritan movement upon English life and literature.
5. Answer any three: 2 X 3
- (g) What is a sonnet? Give example.
 - (h) How many sonnets did Shakespeare compose? What are the two sequences of the sonnet-sequences of Shakespeare?
 - (i) What was the greatest work composed by Milton? What was his aim in composing it?
 - (j) Who was Shylock? Why was he angry with Antonio?
 - (k) How have the ravages of time been personified in sonnet no 65?
 - (l) Who was Friday? Why was he named so?
6. Answer any six: 1 X 6
- (i) Who is 'time's best jewel' in Shakespeare's sonnet no. 65?
 - (j) Name two satirist poets of the 18th century.
 - (k) Name the first English novel.
 - (l) Who was Xury?
 - (m) When did Crusoe finally leave the island where he stayed from 30 September, 1659?
 - (n) What was the name of the female attendant of Portia?
 - (o) Who first composed sonnet in English language?
 - (p) What was the name of the heroine of Pope's 'Rape of the Lock'?

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BA 3rd Sem (Altn Eng) Paper 301:

1. Discuss what kind of struggle Booker T. Washington had to undergo to acquire his education. 8
Or,
Explain Emily Dickinson's attitude towards death in the poem 'Because I could not stop for Death'.
2. Answer any 3 from the following: 2X 3
 - a) What sufferings did Booker T. Washington undergo for reaching Hampton?
 - b) Name the work to which the prose 'Struggle for Education' belong. What type of work is it?
 - c) 'We paused before a House that seemed / swelling of the ground'—Explain the use of imagery.
 - d) What was the guilt of Joe Keller? How did his son suffer for it?
 - e) Name two neighbours of the Keller family as mentioned in the play 'All My Sons'.
3. Answer any 6 from the following: 1X 6
 - a) What was the name of the former partner of Joe Keller?
 - b) Give the full name of the school for coloured people where Booker T. Washington went for learning.
 - c) What is the significance of 'immortality' as personified by Miss Dickinson in her poem 'Because I could not stop for Death'?
 - d) What was Washington's mother in the plantation?
 - e) How did Larry's tree fall?
 - f) How has Miss Dickinson personified Death in the beginning of her poem?
 - g) What was the name of Joe Keller's wife?
 - h) What happened to Joe Keller at the end of the play?