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Third Semester

English – Allied

AFRICAN LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2021 & 2022 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The novel about which a Ghanaian young woman had complaints about is _____.
(a) Arrow of God
(b) No Longer at Ease
(c) Things fall apart
(d) A Man of the people

2. Adichie's father was _____.
(a) A professor (b) A doctor
(c) A lawyer (d) An administrator
3. What is the taste of Liberty in the poem 'Africa'?
(a) Sweet (b) Bitter
(c) Sour (d) Salty
4. What is the theme of the poem 'Heaven's Gate'?
(a) Love and death (b) War
(c) Salvation (d) Reconciliation
5. Who is the first wife of Nwibe?
(a) Sid (b) Zula
(c) Udenkwo (d) Mgboye
6. Whose suit does Sam wear for the party?
(a) Nicko's (b) Nicko's father's
(c) His own (d) His uncle's
7. The forest head disguises himself as _____.
(a) Obaneji (b) Eshuoro
(c) Demoke (d) The dead man

8. Who is the tree demon
 (a) Aroni (b) Murete
 (c) Eshuoro (d) Rola
9. Who is referred to as "a cobra in the house"?
 (a) Mweta (b) Shinza
 (c) James Bray (d) Mrs. Pitchey
10. Who rapes Hirut?
 (a) Colonel Carlo Fucelli
 (b) Fasil
 (c) Ettore
 (d) Kidane

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing either (a) or (b).
 Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) According to Achebe a novelist has a special role in society – Explain.
 Or
 (b) What does Adichie mean by "The single story of Africa"?

12. (a) How does David Diop remember his ancestry in his poem "Africa"?

Or

- (b) According to Pepper Clark who else are also the casualties of war?

13. (a) Why was Nwibe considered as a mad man?

Or

- (b) Why does Sam steal the gem?

14. (a) Describe the meeting between Aroni and Murete.

Or

- (b) Write about the court of Mata Kharibu.

15. (a) Why Mweta does not allow any changes in the country?

Or

- (b) Write a note on Hirut's life in Kidane's house.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) How does Achebe urge his fellow Africans to stand up for autonomy?

Or

- (b) What does Adichie suggest to counter the danger of “A single story”?

17. (a) How does Okara express his linguistic dilemma in his poem “Where I to choose”?

Or

- (b) David Diop boasts of his African Ancestry in his poem ‘Africa’ – Discuss.

18. (a) Consider “The Madman” as a social commentary.

Or

- (b) Narrate the story “The Gem and Your Dreams”.

19. (a) Write about the element of irony in “A Dance of the Forest”.

Or

- (b) Consider “The Dance of the Forest” as a political allegory.

20. (a) “The Freedom from colonial powers did not entail real freedom of Africans” – Discuss in the light of Gordimer’s “A Guest of Honor”.

Or

- (b) Write about the political background of the novel “The Shadow King”.
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