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Sixth Semester

English – Main

AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2020 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. 'From Remembering Babylon' is set in _____
(a) Scotland (b) Ireland
(c) Queensland (d) Brisbane
2. Who is the protagonist in 'The Sins of the Mother'
(a) Gul Bibi (b) Tor Baz
(c) Jamil Ahmed (d) David Malouf

9. Who was Laila's best friend in the neighbourhood?
(a) Noor (b) Rasheed
(c) Tariq (d) Ahmed
10. Why is Mariam called a harami?
(a) She is poor
(b) She is a village girl
(c) She is not a Muslim
(d) She was born out of wedlock

PART B – (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, Choosing either (a) or (b)

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Bring out the major themes in 'From Remembering Babylon'.
Or
(b) Write a short note on the setting of Jalil Ahmed's 'The Sins of the Mother'.

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3. Colonists are compared to _____ in the poem 'They give Jacky rights'
(a) Tiger Snake (b) Lion
(c) Deer (d) Camel
4. Yasmine Gooneratne depicts her ideas as a defender of _____
(a) English Language (b) Sinhala Language
(c) Nature (d) Civilization
5. The Chosen Vessel was first published in the year _____
(a) 1986 (b) 1987
(c) 1896 (d) 1897
6. The story 'The Drover's Wife' sets in _____
(a) A Boat at Sea (b) A Hotel
(c) The bush (d) A City
7. Who is a member of the Swan River?
(a) Yorlah (b) Yagan
(c) Alec (d) Jamie
8. Who killed Yagan?
(a) Smedley (b) William Keats
(c) Archibald butter (d) Alec

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12. (a) Bring out the irony of the poem 'They Give Jacky Rights'.
Or
(b) What message does the poet Dorathy Hewett explore through the poem 'From Testament'?
13. (a) Who was considered as the hero of the adventure in Henry Lawson's 'The Drover's Wife'?
Or
(b) Bring out the melancholy of the women in 'The Chosen Vessel'.
14. (a) Why did Yagan's head bury in Swan Valley?
Or
(b) Write a short note on music and languages of aboriginals and whites.
15. (a) Sketch the character of Laila in 'A Thousand Splendid Suns'.
Or
(b) Justify the title 'A Thousand Splendid Suns'.

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PART C – (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, Choosing either (a) or (b)

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Elucidate David Malouf's "From Remembering Babylon" as a historical inspiration:
- Or
- (b) Write an essay on Jamil Abmed's "The Sins of the Mother"
17. (a) Critically analyse the poem 'From Testament'?
- Or
- (b) Elucidate Yasmine Gooneratne's 'This Language, This Woman'.
18. (a) Discuss the struggles faced by the Drover's Wife.
- Or
- (b) Critically analyse the story 'The Chosen Vessel'.
19. (a) Comment on the plot, Characterization and style of 'Kullark'.
- Or
- (b) Discuss the death of Yagan in 'Kullark'.

20. (a) 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' is a novel depicts the struggles and suppressions of women in a patriarchal society-Discuss.

Or

- (b) Compare and contrast the characters of Mariam and Laila:
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