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English – Core

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH – I

(For those who joined in July 2017 – 2020)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL the following questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. "I am not a visionary. I claim to be a practical idealist" is the famous quote by _____.
(a) Nehru
(b) Tagore
(c) M.K.Gandhi
(d) Rjagopalachari

2. _____ is the name of the friend that the author mentioned in his prose work "Tree Speaks".
(a) Daniel (b) Michael
(c) Samuel (d) Ray Johnson
3. The tail of the scorpion is described as _____.
(a) Angelic (b) Heavenly
(c) Stick (d) Diabolic
4. The mirror in the poem The Old Playhouse stands for _____.
(a) Disgust (b) Self – absorption
(c) Reflection (d) Expression
5. Arun in the story Woman in the Platform No.8 makes a right decision by trusting his _____.
(a) Instincts (b) Friends
(c) Teachers (d) Parents
6. The Astrologer set up a shop in a _____.
(a) Market place (b) Village green
(c) Highway (d) Temple ground

7. In the play Silence the court is in Session and a book.
- (a) Samant (b) Ponkshe
(c) Sukhatme (d) Kashikar
8. _____ is the young spinster and a school teacher in "Silence! The Court is in Session".
- (a) Mrs. Sukhatme (b) Kashikar
(c) Leela Benare (d) Ponkshe
9. The character R.N. Bashir in the novel Untouchable is _____.
- (a) A doctor (b) A barrister
(c) A farmer (d) An Engineer
10. Colonel Hutchinson is the chief of _____.
- (a) Salvation Army (b) The outcastes
(c) The army (d) The villagers

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) How does Gandhi advocate the necessity of non violence?
- Or
- (b) How does Nehru visualize the emergence of a new nation?

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12. (a) How does Tagore portray the contrast the perspectives of the birds?
- Or
- (b) How is the incompatibility between the wife and husband portrayed in the poem The Old Playhouse?
13. (a) What was Hamid's gesture that moved the grandmother greatly?
- Or
- (b) Why did the Astrologer feel that a great burden is lifted from his shoulders?
14. (a) How is society's partiality towards woman satirised in the play Silence the Court is in Session?
- Or
- (b) How are the real identities of the characters revealed in the play Silence the Court is in Session?
15. (a) Write note on the quarrel between Gulabo and Sohini.
- Or
- (b) Write a note on Bakha's clash with Pandit Kali Nath.

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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) How does Gandhi relate Religion with Non Violence?

Or

- (b) How is the author's view on culture portrayed in the essay The Tree Speaks?

17. (a) How does the poet describe the unique qualities of the ancestral house?

Or

- (b) Comment on the Indian Sensibility of the poem Night of the Scorpion.

18. (a) Comment on the portrayal of mysticism and religious values in the story An Astrologer's Day.

Or

- (b) How does the story Woman in Platform No.8 portray the themes of kindness and trust?

19. (a) How is the play Silence the Court is in session a fusion of real and imaginary?

Or

- (b) Comment on the women characters in the play Silence the Court is in Session.

20. (a) How does the novel Untouchable manifest Mulk Raj Anand's sympathy for the marginalised people?

Or

- (b) How does Mulk Raj Anand offer social criticism in the novel Untouchable?