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English – Core

REGIONAL LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

(For those who joined in July 2017-2019)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. 'Every nation and every place is theirs'. In which chapter of "Thirukkural" does this appear?

(a) The Possession of Love

(b) Gratitude

(c) Learning

(d) None of the above

2. Whose friendship one should never forgo, according to Thiruvalluvar?

(a) those who stood by us during our marriage

(b) those who stood by us during examination

(c) those who stood by us during family functions

(d) those who stood by us during a distress

3. According to Bharathi, Half of our fears are——

(a) power-centred

(b) money-related

(c) true

(d) baseless

4. In 'Self Realization' Adavan Theetchanya says that nervousness and anxiety generally stem from——

(a) the fear of ghosts

(b) the fear of success

(c) the fear of failure

(d) the fear of parents

5. Whose eldest son died after three days of illness in the story 'A Horse for the Sun'?

(a) Raghu

(b) Prabhu

(c) Venkata

(d) The narrator

6. In 'Walls' When Basheer got the release order what was his first reaction?
- (a) thank God
 (b) I am a free bird now
 (c) I was waiting for this day
 (d) but who wants freedom
7. Who poisoned the Tamarind tree with mercury syrup?
- (a) Ayyappan (b) Abdul Khader
 (c) Dhamu (d) Isaki
8. Whose shop is under the shadow of the Tamarind Tree?
- (a) Ayyappan (b) Abdul Khader
 (c) Dhamu (d) Isaki
9. In *Nagamandala*. Why does Naga stop visiting Rani for 15 days?
- (a) Because it had severe injuries
 (b) Because it fell in love with another Cobra
 (c) Because it did not want to meet Rani
 (d) None of the above.

10. Which character in the play *Nagamandala* had a concubine even after marriage?
- (a) Appanna (b) Kappanna
 (c) Chelvi (d) Rani

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL the questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words

11. (a) Write a short note on 'the importance of love' with reference to 'Possession of Love' from *Thirukkural*.
- Or
- (b) Why must we all become learned persons? Support your answer with reference to 'Learning' from *Thirukkural*
12. (a) How does Adavan Theetchanya stress the need for self-realization?
- Or
- (b) Comment on the evolution of thought in "There is No Fear".
13. (a) Assess the character of Venkata in 'A Horse for the Sun'.
- Or
- (b) Analyze the behaviour of the unnamed narrator in 'Gifts' by Ambai.

14. (a) Comment on the role of the Municipal Council in *Tamarind History*.

Or

(b) Sketch the character of Abdul Khader in *Tamarind History*.

15. (a) How would you describe the character of Kurudavva in *Nagamandala*.

Or

(b) How did the Naga fall in love with Rani in *Nagamandala*?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL the questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words

16. (a) Enumerate the consequences of 'Ingratitude' as discussed in *Thirukkural*.

Or

(b) Appraise, in detail, 'Possession of Love' form *Thirukkural*.

17. (a) Summarize the poem "Charge Sheet" by Mu.Mehta.

Or

(b) Attempt a critique of the poem "There is no Fear" by Subramanya Bharathi.

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18. (a) Bring out some important themes found in 'Walls' by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer.

Or

(b) Appraise, in detail, the story 'Gifts' by Ambai.

19. (a) Examine the character of DamodaraAsan in *Tamarind History*.

Or

(b) Discuss the ecological consciousness of the novelist in *Tamarind History*.

20. (a) Consider Appanna as a split personality in *Nagamandala*.

Or

(b) Comment on the theme of women's independence in *Nagamandala*.

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