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Fifth Semester

English - Core

WORLD LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION

(For those who joined in July 2017-2020 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. "It is he who lives in them" — 'Them' in Benjamin's quote refers to \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Memories (b) books  
(c) readers (d) libraries

2. According to Montaigne, friendship is nourished by \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Friendship (b) reason  
(c) communication (d) familiarity
3. The literary device used in 'Life's longing' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Simile (b) metaphor  
(c) alliteration (d) assonance
4. \_\_\_\_\_ separated the humans from the creator.
- (a) Birth (b) death  
(c) earth (d) creator
5. Vanka has been apprenticed as a \_\_\_\_\_ in Moscow.
- (a) Banker (b) tailor  
(c) cobbler (d) mayor
6. \_\_\_\_\_ represent power, speed and limitless freedom of motion.
- (a) Crabs (b) wings  
(c) spider (d) sea
7. Sakuntala incurred the anger of sage \_\_\_\_\_ when lost in her own thoughts.
- (a) Durvasa (b) Vyasa  
(c) Kanva (d) Visvamitra

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8. Who stopped Dusyanta from hunting the deer?
- (a) Kanva (b) Vaikhanasa  
(c) Bharata (d) Durvasa
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is the spiritual guide to Siddhartha.
- (a) Gotama (b) Govinda  
(c) Kamaswami (d) Vasudeva
10. Siddhartha leaves home in the hope of gaining \_\_\_\_\_ by being a beggar.
- (a) Spiritual illumination  
(b) philosophy  
(c) meditation  
(d) kingship

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 emotional bond between the books and the readers as suggested by Walter Benjamin.

Or

- (b) Narrate the views of Montaigne on mere acquaintances.

12. (a) Explain "They come through you but not from you".

Or

- (b) Critically appreciate the theme of Goethe's *Reunion*.

13. (a) Describe how the family bonds are depicted in *Vanka*

Or

- (b) Write short notes on the motif of prosperity in *The Very Old Man with Enormous Wings*.

14. (a) Narrate the first meeting of Dusyanta and Shakuntala.

Or

- (b) Elaborate the character of Shakuntala.

15. (a) Write a brief note on Govinda's commitment towards Gotama.

Or

- (b) Analyze the characterization of Vasudeva.

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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) Substantiate Benjamin as an accomplished and Passionate Bibliophile with particular reference to his "Unpacking My Library".

Or

- (b) Evaluate Montaigne's views friendship between specific family members.

17. (a) Validate Gibran's true meaning of parenting.

Or

- (b) Focus on Neruda's picturesque love in *If You Forget Me*.

18. (a) Critique on the major themes of *The District Doctor*.

Or

- (b) Construct your argument on the class consciousness in *Vanka*.

19. (a) Bring out an argument on the feministic perspectives of *Shakuntala*.

Or

- (b) Explain the world of nature and beauty in Kalidasa's *Shakuntala*.

20. (a) Critically appreciate the theme of self-realization in Siddhartha.

Or

- (b) Substantiate how Hesse portrayed the essence of spiritual enlightenment through Siddhartha.