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English - Core

CANADIAN LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2017 - 2020)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Alpurdy uses _____ history as a means to recover a sense of identify.
- (a) British
(b) American
(c) French
(d) Canadian

7. During the _____, the possessions of Japanese Canadians were confiscated.
- (a) World War I (b) World War II
(c) American Civil War (d) French Revolution
8. Naomi Nakane was rescued by _____ from drowning.
- (a) Rough Lock (b) Stephen
(c) Obasan (d) Man Gower
9. Patrick's father was a _____.
- (a) dynamiter (b) coolie
(c) farmer (d) teacher
10. Nicholas Temelcoff was _____ immigrant.
- (a) an Indian (b) Macedonian
(c) an Italian (d) a Japanese

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) What does looking back reveal to the speaker about himself in 'Listening to Myself'?

Or

- (b) What is the wish of the king in "Like an old proud king is parable"?

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2. The poem 'The Winter Lakes' depicts _____.
- (a) a fertile land wet (b) a frozen lake
(c) desolate land (d) a land
3. In 'Red Dress' _____ is used to bring out the difficult relationship between the narrator and the mother.
- (a) a trope of sewing (b) a bit of broken cup
(c) a faded painting (d) a burnt paper
4. Edward and Sarah and _____.
- (a) Mexicans (b) Indians
(c) African Americans (d) Canadian
5. 'The Ecstasy of Rita Joe' is a _____ play.
- (a) memory (b) religious
(c) comic (d) absurd
6. Naomi Nakana was molested by her uncle _____.
- (a) Man Gower (b) Mumotaro
(c) Isamu (d) Stephen

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12. (a) Write about the significance of the Red Dress.
- Or
- (b) Explain the marital differences between Edward and Sarah.
13. (a) Write about the incident in which Mr. Homer was exposed as guilty by Jaimie Paul.
- Or
- (b) How does the white Magistrate accuse Rita Joe?
14. (a) Briefly describe the first encounter between Patrick and Alice Gull.
- Or
- (b) Comment upon the end of the novel 'In the Skin of a Lion'.
15. (a) Describe the pathetic life of Naomi's family after the war.
- Or
- (b) How does Joy Kogawa bring out the cruelty of bomb explosion on Japan in 'Obsan'?

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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) Comment on the significance of the title "Listening to Myself".

Or

- (b) Pick out the images and metaphors used in the poem "The Winter Lakes".

17. (a) Describe the night of the Christmas Dinner in 'Red Dress'.

Or

- (b) State the reason why Sarah picked up the figure of the baby Jesus? Why did she throw it in the well?

18. (a) Discuss the play 'The Ecstasy of Rita Joe' as a memory play.

Or

- (b) Consider Rita Joe as a tragic figure.

19. (a) How does Michael Ondaatje portray the sufferings of immigrant workers in Canada?

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Patrick Lewis.

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20. (a) Evaluate the merits of the novel "Obasan".

Or

- (b) How does the World War II the life of Japanese Canadian?
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