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Enrollment Number:

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BA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026
Fifth Semester
B.A. English Language and Literature
B21EG05DE – Literature and the Environment
(2022 admissions)
(Supplementary/Improvement)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Which character delivers the speech “All the World’s a Stage”?
2. Which animal eggs are central to the poem “The Death of a Naturalist”?
3. Who is Richard Parker in *Life of Pi*?
4. Who introduced the term “Ecocriticism”?
5. Which river is referred to in the poem “The Poplar Field”?
6. What does the "silent spring" symbolize in Carson’s text?
7. Which historical event forms the backdrop of “Walker Brothers Cowboy”?
8. Name a cult ecofeminist text by Vandana Shiva.
9. Which city serves as the setting in Wordsworth’s poem “Composed Upon Westminster Bridge”?
10. In which year did Alice Munro win the Nobel Prize in Literature?
11. What does Pastoral Ecocriticism focus on?
12. How many days does Pi survive at sea?
13. Who is Duke Frederick’s daughter in the play *As You Like It*?
14. What does the phrase "fugitive years" signify in William Cowper's “The Poplar Field”?
15. Who wrote *The Country and the City*?

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. What is the central theme of *As You Like It*?
17. Discuss the relationship between Ecocriticism and the Romantic era in literature.
18. How does Cowper reflect on mortality in the poem “The Poplar Field”?

19. What is the significance of the phrase “Earth has not anything to show more fair” in the poem “Composed Upon Westminster Bridge”?
20. How does the narrator's perception of the swamp change in “Death of a Naturalist”?
21. How does Rachel Carson use the imagery of death and silence in "A Fable for Tomorrow"?
22. How is the town of Tuppertown described in the story “Walker Brothers Cowboy”?
23. What motivates Rosalind and Celia to leave the court?
24. What lesson does Pi learn from his father’s demonstration of animal danger?
25. What did John Locke believe about the non-human world?

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any six of the following questions in one page each. Each question carries 5 marks.

26. Write a brief note on Ecocriticism.
27. Comment on the use of symbolism in “The Poplar Field”.
28. Explain the role of personification in “Composed Upon Westminster Bridge”.
29. Discuss the contrast between the frogspawn and the adult frogs in “Death of a Naturalist”.
30. Explain the impact of DDT on the environment as described in *Silent Spring*.
31. Explore the theme of memory and the passage of time in “Walker Brothers Cowboy”. How does Alice Munro use the setting and interactions between characters to emphasize these themes?
32. What does the Forest of Arden symbolise in *As You Like It*?
33. How did Enlightenment thinkers view nature?
34. Explain how the lifeboat serves as a symbol of nature in *Life of Pi*.
35. What is the connection between globalization and environmental exploitation in the context of Ecocriticism?
36. How does the play *As You Like It* incorporate the idea of environmental sustainability?
37. How do movements like ecofeminism and Marxist environmentalism contribute to Ecocriticism?

(5X6=30)

Section D

Answer any two of the following questions in three pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

38. Explain the key concerns of Ecocriticism with reference to apocalyptic imagination, Third world environment, ecofeminism, and literary ecology.
39. Examine in detail William Cowper’s use of nature as a metaphor for human life in “The Poplar Field”?
40. *Life of Pi* explores the concepts of truth, belief, and storytelling. Comment.
41. How has *Silent Spring* shaped the modern discourse on sustainability and climate change, and why is it still relevant today?

(10X2=20)