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BA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2024
Third Semester
B21EG02LC – Literature and the Contemporary World
(2022 admissions)

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. “[T]he air moves back from you like a wave”: What is the figure of speech used here?
2. When did Greta Thunberg deliver the speech, “Almost Everything is Black and White” at Parliament Square in London?
3. How can AI be defined according to Britannica encyclopedia?
4. Who is the sole companion of Moxon in his workshop?
5. Who is the author of the story “The Masculine of Virgin”?
6. Who was Malala named after?
7. What is the text that the speaker envisions the children reading in the second stanza of the poem “Injuries”?
8. When was the speech “A Tryst with Destiny” delivered?
9. Who was the chess champion defeated by a supercomputer in a game of chess in 1997?
10. What does the word “countries” symbolise in the second stanza of John Lennon’s lyrics “Imagine”?
11. Who is the child protagonist of the story “Housewife”?
12. Who is often regarded as the national poet of Chile?
13. When was the poem “The United Fruit Company” published?
14. What happened to Moxon at the end of the story?
15. Who is seen as a frail character in the story “The Masculine of Virgin”?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. What did Greta Thunberg see strange regarding the global warming when she was eight years old?
17. What is the difference between weak and strong AI?
18. What is magical realism?
19. How did Malala’s father commemorate her birth and why?

20. Name any two objectives for the free India lists out by Jawaharlal Nehru in his speech “A Tryst with Destiny”?
21. What is the historical significance of the occasion of the speech “A Tryst with Destiny”?
22. Why does John Lennon use the word “hope”?
23. Why did Ashu often pray for the earth to diverge away so that he could disappear inside?
24. Who are the dictators mentioned in the poem “The United Fruit Company”?
25. When and where was the speech “Globalisation and Human Imagination” delivered by Shashi Tharoor?

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. How does nature react to man’s claim to the ownership of the environment in the poem “The Moment”?
27. What are the themes of the story “Moxon’s Master”?
28. How does the story “The Masculine of Virgin” conclude?
29. What was the role of Malala’s father in her upbringing and development?
30. What is the significance of the poet’s choice to name her imaginary children Brihandala and Shikandini in the poem “Injuries”?
31. Freedom is also the beginning of new challenges. What are the challenges that Jawaharlal Nehru envisages?
32. What does the word “Possessiveness” symbolise in the fourth stanza of the lyric “Imagine”?
33. Write a character sketch of Ashu in the story “Housewife”
34. What is a Banana Republic?
35. Why does Shashi Tharoor say that terrorism is a multilateral threat that demands a united response?
36. What is the relevance on the speech “A Tryst with Destiny” to the Indian Public?
37. How does Malala describe the Swat Valley?

(5X6=30)

Section D

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

38. The story “The Masculine of Virgin” presents the pressures and norms imposed on individuals and family by the society, particularly in relation to purity and morality. Elaborate.
39. Malala’s narrative in “A Daughter is Born” offers a gripping picture of her early years and the social, cultural, and historical factors that influenced her perspective” Discuss.
40. In his speech “A Tryst with Destiny” Jawaharlal Nehru combines historical idealism with political pragmatism. Examine.
41. Examine the poem “The United Fruit Company” as a critique of imperialism and capitalism that suffocate the nations of Latin America.

(10X2=20)