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Third Semester

Common for B.A Arabic/Hindi/Sanskrit/Philosophy/Economics/Afsal-

UI-ulama/Political Science/Psychology/B.Sc Data Science/BCA

B21EG02LC – Literature and the Contemporary World

(2024 July 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. When was Greta Thunberg's speech "Almost Everything is Black and White" delivered?
2. Give an example for Personification from the poem "The Moment".
3. What does Moxon create?
4. What did the automaton do to Moxon at the end of the day?
5. Who is called the Father of Artificial Intelligence?
6. Name the supercomputer developed by IBM to play chess against humans.
7. Where is the story "The Masculine of Virgin" by Sarah Joseph set?
8. Name Malala Yousafzai's parents.
9. Give the name of the anthology from which the poem "Injuries" by Vijayarajamallika taken.
10. Where was Jawaharlal Nehru's speech "A Tryst with Destiny" delivered?
11. What are the three things that divide people into, as per John Lennon's lyric "Imagine"?
12. In which year did Rabindranath Tagore receive the Nobel Prize for Literature?
13. In which language was the poem "The United Fruit Company" by Pablo Neruda originally written?
14. Who is often regarded as the National Poet of Chile?
15. Which iconic building was attacked by the terrorists on 9/11?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. What does the poem “The Moment” written by Margaret Atwood discuss?
17. According to Greta Thunberg, what should countries like Sweden and the UK do regarding greenhouse gas emissions?
18. What is the difference between weak AI and strong AI?
19. What is the role of Haley in the short story, “Moxon’s Master”?
20. What does the title “Moxon’s Master” signify?
21. What is UTM?
22. What is the theme of the poem “Injuries”?
23. Write the refrain used in the poem “Imagine” by John Lennon.
24. What, according to Shashi Tharoor, are the reasons for the emergence of terrorism?
25. What does the phrase “sugared chasm” refer to in the poem “The United Fruit Company”?

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Explain the various poetic devices used in the poem “The Moment” and give examples for each.
27. In the poem “The Moment”, when man claims ownership over nature, how do the trees, the birds, the cliffs and the air respond?
28. How should we address the issue of climate change as mentioned by Greta Thunberg?
29. What is an automaton and what is its goal?
30. Describe “The Turk’s Chess Automaton”.
31. How are the traditional gender roles and expectations portrayed in the story “The Masculine of Virgin”?
32. Describe the historical and the cultural importance of Malalai, the Afghan heroine who is the source of Malala’s name.
33. Explain the symbolic significance of the characters of Brihandala and Shikandini from the Indian mythology as mentioned in the poem “Injuries”.
34. How does Jawaharlal Nehru remember the great architect of freedom, Mahatma Gandhi in his speech “A Tryst with Destiny”?
35. Explain the idea of possessiveness used in the poem “Imagine” by John Lennon.
36. How does Ashu become the victim of the insensitive teacher in the story “Housewife”?
37. What are Banana Republics?

(5X6=30)

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Section D

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

38. Discuss the chapter “ A Daughter is Born” from Malala Yousafzai’s autobiography as the story of a girl who advocated girl’s education in Pakistan.
39. Critically analyse the vision and goals for a newly liberated India as put forth by Jawaharlal Nehru in his iconic speech “A Tryst with Destiny”.
40. Elaborate on the philosophy of education put forth by Rabindranath Tagore with reference to the story “Housewife”.
41. The poem “The United Fruit Company” shows how multi-national companies exploit the indigenous people and destroy their identity. Explain.

(10X2=20)