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VI Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE-Regular/Supplementary/ Improvement) Examination, April 2023 (2019 and 2020 Admissions) CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH 6B14 ENG : Indian Writing in English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 40

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- I. Write an essay in 250 words on one of the following.
 - 1) Discuss India's contribution to world literature.
 - 2) English is not an oppositional category of Indian bhasha. Elaborate.
- II. Write an essay in 250 words on one of the following.
 - 3) Amitav Ghosh's exploration of the issues of nation hood and diaspora.
 - 4) Significance of the title 'Nagamandala'.

III. Answer four of the following in about 100 words.

- 5) Enlist the peculiar traits of the frog and the nightingale.
- 6) How does Paranjpe prove that women writers in India have created a niche of their own ?
- 7) What is the poet's prayer in song 36 of Gitanjali ?
- 8) What are the major differences in Greek and Sanskrit plays as noted in The Old Indian Theatre ?
- 9) Elucidate the theme of the poem "Poet, Lover and Bird Watcher".
- 10) Symbolic significance of white hair in Of White Hairs and Cricket.
- IV. Answer eight of the following in not more than two sentences. (8×1=8)
 - 11) What does 'exile' refer to ?
 - 12) Who were the three classical poets with whom Kalidasa was ranked with ?

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- 13) What do the best poets wait for in Poet, Lover and Bird watcher ?
- 14) What is the protagonist's fondest memory in Of White Hair and Cricket ?
- 15) What is the meaning of the title Nagamandala ?
- 16) Why isn't the harp played right now ?
- 17) What was the poet served as seen in the poem 'Where do you come from' ?
- 18) What does the poet tell Ghanashyam ?
- 19) What does shadow lines symbolize ?
- 20) How was Chandu Menon honored by Queen Victoria ?

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- I. Write an essay in 250 words on any one of the following :
 - 1) What was the consequence of colonial English education on the literature of Indian languages in the 19th century ?
 - 2) Discuss the reasons cited by K. Satchidanandan to consider Indian Writing in English as 'relevant and legitimate'.
- II. Write an essay in 250 words on any one of the following : (1×8=8)
 - 3) Discuss the symbolic significance of the title *The Shadow Lines*.
 - 4) *Naga-mandala* is a play where fact and fiction is fused to unravel the complexities of contemporary society-Argue.
- III. Answer any four of the following in about 100 words :
 - 5) What is the symbolic significance of 'the harp' in "The Harp of India" ?
 - 6) How does Nehru subvert the scholarly traditions while comparing the Indian and the European literatures ?
 - 7) Why does R. Parthasarathy say "the most reassuring thing/about the past is that it happened" ?
 - 8) How does Nissim Ezekiel describe the vocation of the poet?
 - 9) What does Makarand Paranjappe identify as the reason for the rise of the novel in the West ?
 - 10) How does the narrator's refusal to pluck his father's white hairs become significant ?

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- IV. Answer any eight of the following in not more than two sentences : (8×1=8)
 - 11) Who was Ashvaghosha?
 - 12) What is nirukta?
 - 13) Why does Kamala Das's narrator describe herself as a migrating bird in *Ghanasyam*?
 - 14) What is the strength the speaker asks for in his prayer to the Lord in *Gitanjali : Song 36* ?
 - 15) What was the first honest feedback the nightingale received in response to her song ?
 - 16) What is the significance of the question "Where do you come from ?"
 - 17) Why was Viraf meeting with Dr. Sidhwa?
 - 18) How did Rani prove her innocence ?
 - 19) Why does Tridib go to Dhaka?
 - 20) What provided 'necessary pauses' to the narrator of "Exile" 'in a basement flat' ?

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