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THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2017

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement) (CUCSS - PG)

CC15P EN3 E15 - POSTCOLONIAL FICTION AND DRAMA

(English Language and Literature) (2015 Admission Onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

I. Answer all the following questions in a word, phrase, or sentence:

- 1. Why does Ezeulu send Oduche to study Christianity in Achebe's *Arrow of God?*
- 2. Who is Ogun?
- 3. Name the Thomas Mann novel that the plot of Karnad's *Hayavadana* is based on.
- 4. Who is the author of the Canadian feminist novel. *The Diviners*?
- 5. Who is Pearl in Ray Lawler's Summer of the Seventeenth Doll.
- 6. Who is Ralph Singh?
- 7. How many sonnets are there in Vikram Seth's novel, *The Golden Gate*?
- 8. What is kite running?

(8x1/2=4 Weightage)

II. Write a paragraph of 150 words each on any six of the following:

- 9. "A packet of trouble but he's honest", Do you agree with these words about Roo in *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll?*
- 10. What is the significance of the New Yam festival in *Arrow of God?*
- 11. Justify the title of V.S.Naipaul's novel, *The Mimic Men*.
- 12. Why did Amir try to drive Hassan away from his life?
- 13. Who is the Professor in Wole Soyinka's *The Road*.
- 14. Discuss Hagar Shipley's relationship with her sons.
- 15. Attempt a short note on the narrative style of Vikram Seth in *The Golden Gate*.
- 16. Attempt a character sketch of Sandra.
- 17. Attempt a critique on the narrative technique in *The Canadian Brothers*.
- 18. Explain the Hayavadana myth.

(6x2=12 Weightage)

III. Write essays of about 450 words on any *four* of the following, choosing *one* from each section:

Section A

- 19. Discuss the search for identity and home in the postcolonial world in V.S.Naipaul's novel, *The Mimic Men*.
- 20. Attempt an essay on the motifs employed in Margaret Laurence's *The Stone Angel*.

21. Analyse the use of the kite as a symbol of happiness and guilt in Khalid Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*.

Section B

- 22. "Ezeulu is a man 'vanquished by his own god and by the harshness and vengeance within himself' in Achebe's *The Arrow of God*". Do you agree?
- 23. Attempt an essay on the quest for and away from death in Wole Soyinka's *The Road*.
- 24. Political responsibility and social activism in Vikram Seth's *The Golden Gate*.

Section C

- 25. Discuss *The Canadian Brothers* as a post colonial text.
- 26. What does the kewpie dolls mean to Olive Leech in Summer of the Seventeenth Doll?
- 27. Attempt an essay on identity crisis in Hayavadana.

Section D

- 28. Discuss the social and psychological effects of colonialism in Africa as seen in the texts of Soyinka and Achebe.
- 29. Attempt a critique on the linguistic experiments in any of the texts prescribed for you.
- 30. Attempt an essay on the influence of native theatre on postcolonial texts with reference to any of the prescribed plays.

(4x5=20 Weightage)
