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**FIFTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018**

(CUCBCSS-UG)

**CC15U ENG5 B01 / CC15U DMENG5 B01 - INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH**

(English & English - History Double Main - Core Course)

(2015-Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

I. Answer *all* questions. Each question carry 1 mark.

1. Autobiography of R.K. Narayan.

(a) Malgudi Days (b) My Story (c) Days in Malgudi. (d) My Days

2. Who is the domineering matriarch of Indu's household?

(a) Atya (b) My Story (c) Mini (d) Devi

3. The poem "In Love" by Kamala Das is taken from the collection\_\_\_\_\_

(a) The Old Playhouse (b)The Descendants

(c) Summer in Calcutta (d) My Story

4. What does the speaker wish Miss Pushpa?

(a) Good Luck (b) Happy Journey (c) Bon Voyage (d) Best wishes

5. What was the context of Nehru's speech "Tryst with Destiny"?

(a) India's Independence (c) Freedom Struggle

(b) Republic Day (d) Quit India Movement

6. 'A giant negative black and white, still undeveloped..' What is the author referring to?

(a) A building (b) A tree (c) His Homeland (d) His thoughts

7. *Nagamandala* was published in the year\_\_\_\_\_

(a) 1980 (b) 1984 (c) 1988 (d) 1989

8. Where does the cousin look for swings afterwards?

(a) In the City (b) At home (c) In the village (d) Among the ruins

9. "All my secrets burst in blossoms / At your passing breath of whisper". What does the poet refer to?

(a) A Postcard from Kashmir (c) Lover's indifference

(b) Quest of Radha (d) Breezy April

10. Who is Rani's husband?

(a) Kappanna (b) Naren (c) Jayant (d) Appanna

**(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)**

II. Answer any *ten* questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

11. What is the theme of the poem “Breezy April”?
12. How is Rani declared chaste by the village panchayat?
13. Why did Rajam’s father object to R.K.Narayan’s marriage to his daughter?
14. What compelled Indu to go back to her ancestral house after long years?
15. How has the postcard intensified the speaker’s nostalgia for his homeland?
16. Why is Radha weeping and bemoaning?
17. How does Kamala Das describe her relationship with her lover in the poem “In Love”?
18. What is Angoori’s notion about women’s education?
19. Who cries ‘Bol Hari Bol’ in the poem “In Love”?
20. What does Nehru refer to by ‘the star of freedom in the east’?
21. How does Rani try to win her husband’s affection?
22. What is the main theme of the poem “Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S.”?

**(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

III. Answer any *four* questions. Each question carries 5 marks

23. How does Sarojini Naidu depict Radha’s overwhelming love for Krishna?
24. The imagery used by Kamala Das in “In Love” conveys the destructive quality of the narrator’s love relationship. Elucidate.
25. Man- woman relationship in the play *Nagamandala*.
26. Character sketch of Angoori in the short story “The Weed”.
27. How does Nehru draw parallels between the struggles of the Indian people and the bright future which he envisions for the new nation?
28. Indu’s relationship with Jayant.

**(4 x 5= 20 Marks)**

IV. Answer any *two* questions. Each questions carries 15 marks.

29. Describe the significance of the title “Tryst with Destiny”.
30. Explain how Indu comes to terms with her life and longings in Shashi Deshpande’s *Roots and Shadows*.
31. Write a critical appreciation of A.K. Ramanujan’s “Looking for a Cousin on a Swing”.
32. Explain the mythical elements in the play *Nagamandala*.

**(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)**

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