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CC17U ENG4 A06 - SPECTRUM: LITERATURE AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(English - Common Course)

(2017, 2018 Admissions – Supplementary/Improvement)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

I. Answer *all* the following questions.

1. Who is the woman with the golden hair?
 - a. Shulamith
 - b. Margarete
 - c. Both
 - d. None of these
2. Claudius and Gertrude are characters in -----.
 - a. *Hamlet*
 - b. *The Sorrows of Young Werther*
 - c. *Don Quixote*
 - d. *A Portrait as a Young man*
3. How old was Alassankutty?
 - a. 41
 - b. 40
 - c. 42
 - d. 44
4. Turmeric is called the nectar of -----.
 - a. purity
 - b. love
 - c. wisdom
 - d. immortality
5. According to Malala, ----- is mightier than the sword.
 - a. weapon
 - b. pen
 - c. word
 - d. none of these
6. In Silkin's poem, dogs are seen with -----
 - a. tails straight
 - b. eyes shut
 - c. clipped ears
 - d. wounded legs
7. What is Warsan Shire's ethnic identity?
 - a. Somali
 - b. Egyptian
 - c. Palestinian
 - d. British
8. In which novel is Comala a town of the dead?
 - a. *The Feast of the Goat*
 - b. *Pedro Paramo*
 - c. *Love in the Time of Cholera*
 - d. None of these
9. Who is the son of Bet Blevins?
 - a. Avery
 - b. Puckett
 - c. Arnold
 - d. Jack
10. The two boys were the ----- of the white man.
 - a. sons
 - b. neighbours
 - c. brothers
 - d. cousins

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **ten** of the following in two or three sentences.

11. What is the symbolism of "Black milk of daybreak"?
12. Who taught Malala the philosophy of nonviolence?
13. Explain: "Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read/A labour not different from our own."
14. How is Fatima described in the story?
15. What happens when one reads the emblematic works of the European tradition?
16. What was the reason for Bet's early marriage?
17. How did Viswanathan repay seven thousand rupees to the bank?
18. When is prison a safer place?
19. Why does the author call herself a "perceptive seagull"?
20. What happened to the little fishes at the end?
21. How can the human animal experience love?
22. Why does the poet call Turmeric, "the yellow shore of venom"?

(10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

III. Answer any **four** of the following in a paragraph of about 100 words.

23. Autobiographical elements in "What Work Is."
24. Portrayal of mental illness in "Average Waves in Unprotected Waters."
25. Significance of the title "Comala."
26. Suffering as a theme in "Death Fugue."
27. Describe the circumstances in which Malala got shot.
28. Explain the metaphor, "The Big Fish."

(4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

IV. Write an essay on any **two** of the following in about 300 words.

29. *The Cry of the Sea Gull* is an inspiring disability narrative. Elucidate.
30. Universal humanism and love in "No Men are Foreign".
31. Do you agree with the statement that "Turmeric" is a text about resistance?
32. Analyze the myths of racial superiority and cultural hegemony as sketched in A. L. Hendricks's "Jamaican Fragment." Match the contents of the text with the recent riots surging in America in connection with the death of the African-American, George Floyd.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
