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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Question Paper

B.A. Honours Examinations 2021

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - V

Subject: ENGLISH

Paper : C 11-T

Postcolonial Literatures

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Group - A

Attempt **any four** of the following questions :

12×4=48

1. Critically comment on how the Political and the Poetical intersect in Pablo Neruda's poem "The Way Spain Was".
2. "Derek Walcott's poetry addresses the post-colonial issues of identity and history." —Discuss with reference to "A Far Cry from Africa".
3. Discuss how Mamang Dai's poem "Small Towns and the River" represents the theme of immortality.

4. Bring out the significance of the title of Chinua Achebe's novel *Things Fall Apart*.
5. Narrate the role of family, community and culture in Chinua Achebe's novel *Things Fall Apart*.
6. Critically comment on Achebe's use of Igbo symbols and images in his novel *Things Fall Apart*.
7. Evaluate Bessie Head's "The Collector of Treasures" as a short story.
8. Critically comment on the role of the grandmother in Ama Ata Aidoo's short-story "The Girl Who Can".

Group - B

Attempt **any six** of the following questions :

2×6=12

1. Briefly comment on the symbol of "an eagle's eyrie" in Neruda's poem "The Way Spain Was".
2. Bring out two surrealistic features in Neruda's poem "Tonight I can Write the Saddest Lines".
3. Briefly explain the significance of the image of the maggots in "A Far Cry from Africa".
4. To whom is the poem "Names" by Derek Walcott dedicated? Why does the poet use the expression "damned little Arabs!" in his poem "Names"?
5. Why does the narrator in the poem "Small Towns and Rivers" say that "the river has a soul"?
6. Briefly explain the line - "I can outline the chapters of the world".
7. Who is Ikemefuna in Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*? Why is he sacrificed in the novel?
8. "Proverbs are the palm-oil with which words are eaten"—Explain the line from Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*.

9. Why did Dikeledi kill her husband in the story “The Collector of Treasures”?
 10. Why is Nana obsessed with Adjoa’s legs in Ama Ata Aidoo’s short-story “The Girl Who Can”?
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