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V Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S.-O.B.E.-Regular/Supplementary/  
Improvement) Examination, November 2023  
(2019-2021 Admissions)  
CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH  
5B09ENG : Postcolonial Literatures in English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Write an essay in 250 words on **any one** of the following :

- 1) Briefly discuss the characteristic features of Postcolonial literatures in English.
- 2) Examine the significance of the phrase "The Scramble for Africa" and trace its political and cultural impacts. (1×8=8)

II. Write an essay in 250 words on **any one** of the following :

- 3) Discuss the various postcolonial concerns in the novel, *Clear Light of Day*.
- 4) 'Ngugi's *Weep Not, Child* is a finely crafted novel which is poetic and politically charged and it is a perfect illustration of postcolonial literature with a whole gamut of leading postcolonial issues" – Explain. (1×8=8)

III. Answer any four of the following in about 100 words each :

- 5) The unique features of India as a colony.
- 6) Which are the four main options documented by the Historians as the reasons for the end of the empire ?
- 7) Major concerns in *Wide Sargasso Sea*.
- 8) Sketch the character of Bimla in *Clear Light of Day*.
- 9) Journey motif in Braithwaite's *The Arrivants*.
- 10) Significance of language in Postcolonial literatures. (4×4=16)

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IV. Answer any **eight** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences :

- 11) Name any two works written by Chinua Achebe.
- 12) Mention the title of the seminal critical text co-written by Bill Ashcroft, Gareth Griffiths, and Helen Tiffin.
- 13) What is the name of Ken Saro-Wiwa's experimental novel in "rotten English" ?
- 14) What is the title of the novel written by Salman Rushdie which is a magical realist narrative of postcolonial India ?
- 15) In which year did the Boer war end ?
- 16) What is the major theme in Alan Paton's *Cry, the Beloved Country* ?
- 17) In which language did Ngugi wa Thiong'o write after he decided to stop writing in English ?
- 18) Define the concept, 'Commonwealth Literature'.
- 19) What is 'hybridity' in Postcolonial literature ?
- 20) What does the use of the lower case in 'english literature' signify ? (8×1=8)

