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**VI Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A./B.B.A. T.T.M./B.B.M./B.C.A./B.S.W./B.A.  
Afsal Ul Ulama Degree (CCSS – Regular) Examination, April 2012  
Core Course in English  
6 B 14 ENG : INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

I. Write an essay on **any one** of the following in about **200** words.

1) Summarise the key arguments of P.P. Raveendran regarding the colonial ideology behind nationalism in Indian literature.

2) "Spoiling the Name" is about the loss of identity. Elucidate. (1×4=4)

II. Write an essay on **any one** of the following in about **200** words.

3) Write a critical appreciation of the story "Of White Hairs and Cricket".

4) "*The Guide* depicts the transformation of the protagonist from a tourist guide to a spiritual guide". Discuss. (1×4=4)III. Write an essay on **any one** of the following in about **200** words.5) Critically examine the following statement : "*Nagamandala* is a folktale transformed into the metaphor of the married woman."6) Nabneeta Dev Sen's *Medea* shows the depths of a woman's hurt and loss. Discuss. (1×4=4)IV. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph of **80** words.

7) The theme of "Hunger".

8) Humour in Nissim Ezekiel's "*Goodbye party for Miss Pushpa T.S.*"

9) How does Raja Rao describe the village of Kanthapura ?

10) The significance of trees, according to Geeta Mehta.

11) Realism in *The Guide*.12) The supernatural elements in *Nagamandala*. (4×2=8)



V. Answer **any six** of the following short questions in **one** or **two** sentences.

- 13) Why is the family history of Elena examined ?
- 14) What is Ganges to the speaker of Ramanujan's poem ?
- 15) Explain stereotyping in Indian literature.
- 16) What was the happy occasion in the family of Rakesh ?
- 17) Why were the seven arrested in "The Informer" ?
- 18) Who was the driver of the car usually hired by Raju ?
- 19) How did Appanna treat Rani after bringing her home ?
- 20) Why is Manas hurt when Rupa tells him that her children were adopted ?

(6×1=6)

VI. Answer the **four** following bunches of questions.

21) A) "Yet like \_\_\_\_\_ / I bathed before the village crowd".

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| a) Grandmother   | b) Uncle       |
| c) Elder brother | d) Grandfather |

B) "I have a name, had it for \_\_\_\_\_ / Years".

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| a) Nineteen | b) Ten    |
| c) Twenty   | d) Thirty |

C) What is the name of the narrator's cousin in "Marriages are Made" ?

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| a) Elena  | b) Nilena |
| c) Aleena | d) Lena   |

D) "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S." is a \_\_\_\_\_

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| a) Lyric  | b) Satire    |
| c) Sonnet | d) Mock epic |



- 22) A) Tree is often considered as the \_\_\_\_\_ of evil.
- a) Harbinger
  - b) Dispenser
  - c) Receiver
  - d) Enemy
- B) What, according to Ernest Renan, is part of being a nation ?
- a) Getting its history right
  - b) Getting its history wrong
  - c) Getting its history humanistic
  - d) Getting its history scientific
- C) What was Rakesh's profession in the story "A Devoted Son" ?
- a) Engineer
  - b) Doctor
  - c) Advocate
  - d) Politician
- D) Which English daily was the narrator's daddy reading in the beginning of "White Hairs and Cricket" ?
- a) *The Statesman*
  - b) *Hindustan Times*
  - c) *The Hindu*
  - d) *The Times of India*
- 23) A) What was Rosie by profession ?
- a) A nurse
  - b) A doctor
  - c) A dancer
  - d) An airhostess
- B) Opposite to which railway station was Raju's house ?
- a) Chennai
  - b) Malgudi
  - c) Howrah
  - d) Katpadi
- C) Raju's father was a \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Driver
  - b) Mechanic
  - c) Trackman
  - d) Shopkeeper
- D) Who is the director of the film *The Guide*, (based on R.K. Narayan's novel) ?
- a) Shekhar Kapoor
  - b) Vijay Anand
  - c) Govind Nihalani
  - d) Girish Kasaravalli



- 24) A) Where, according to Manas, was he after he had deserted Rupsa ?
- a) In England                      b) In Kashmir  
c) In Burma                         d) In Muzafirpur
- B) What according to Rupa, happened to her husband ?
- a) He died in a train accident                      b) He was ill  
c) He left her and children                         d) He was transferred to another city
- C) Which, of the following, is not a play by Girish Karnad ?
- a) *Hayavadana*                      b) *Yayati*  
c) *Tuglaq*                                d) *Gora*
- D) Who hands over some magical potion to Rani so that she can entice her husband ?
- a) Kurudavva                         b) Kappanna  
c) Naga                                 d) None of these                      **(4×1=4)**
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