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CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH

6B13 ENG : New Literatures in English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 1) How does Ngugiwa Thiong'o state his theory of language by advocating linguistic decolonisation ?
- 2) How does the symbol of 'racial mountain' hinder a Negro artist from exhibiting his true racial individuality, according to Langston Hughes ?
- 3) Identify the major arguments put forward in *Decolonising the Mind* which awaken the Black Consciousness. (1×8=8)

II. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 4) Comment on the gender roles and the nature of polygamous society as depicted in the play *The Lion and the Jewel*.
- 5) Consider the issue of racial prejudice as the major theme highlighted in *To Sir, with Love*.
- 6) Trace the cultural conflict portrayed in Wole Soyinka's play *The Lion and the Jewel*. (1×8=8)

III. Answer **any four** of the following in about **80** words :

- 7) How is the metaphysical representation of landscape made in the poem 'Train Journey' ?
- 8) Comment on the Patriarchal myth and Feminine imagery employed in 'Prayer to the Masks' ?
- 9) Explain the use of animal imagery in the poem 'A Far Cry from Africa'.

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- 10) How is the strained mother-daughter relationship revised in 'Dear Life' ?
- 11) Explain the cultural divide projected in 'The Man to send Rain Clouds'.
- 12) How did Sii Sward become instrumental in praying for the rain as Rain Queen ?
- 13) In what way does the aboriginal writing 'How We fled When I was a Girl' become a part of resistance literature ?
- 14) What is the dramatic situation of the poem 'Siren Song' ? (4×4=16)

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

- 15) Which historical event is mainly discussed in the poem 'A Car Cry from Africa' ?
- 16) Which words are dangerous, according to Thumboo ?
- 17) What was the disease which the narrator's mother diagnosed with in 'Dear Life' ?
- 18) Who is 'The Man' in the short story 'The Man to send Rain Clouds' ?
- 19) What was the religious ceremony performed to Sii Sward in 'My Thai Cat' ?
- 20) Why did the children hide in caves during the daytime in 'How We fled When I was a Girl' ?
- 21) Who is Idioto in the poem 'Overture' ?
- 22) "I who am poisoned with the blood of both,  
where shall I turn, divided to the vein ?"  
What sense does Walcott try to impart through these lines ?
- 23) What is "the world's most sensitive cargo" the man carries in 'Shoulders' ?
- 24) What is the main theme of the short story 'The Wild Buffalo' ?
- 25) Who is the speaker of the poem 'Siren Song' ?
- 26) How does the speaker stand before mother Idioto in 'Overture' ?
- 27) When do words become valid and meaningful, according to Thumboo ?
- 28) Explain the figures of speech used to describe the "dying" Africa in 'Prayer to the Masks'.
- 29) What is the gratifying realization towards the end of the train journey ?
- 30) What does the man hear deep inside him, when he crosses the road, in 'Shoulders' ? (8×1=8)