

MAR IVANIOS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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Fifth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, November 2016

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Core Course: English – X

AUEN545: Post Colonial Literatures in English

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

SECTION – A

Answer ALL questions each in a word or in a sentence.

- 1. Which war is in the background of Whitman's poem "Beat! Beat! Drums!"?
- 2. How does Emily Dickinson describe 'Hope ?'
- 3. Who wrote the poem, "A Prayer in Spring"?
- 4. Where did the speaker in Neruda's poem bury the dog?
- 5. What metaphor does A.D. Hope use, in order to represent the death of the bird ?
- 6. To what does Szymborska prefer the 'absurdity of writing poems'?
- 7. What role does the village community assign to Eman, in Soyinka's play, *The Strong Breed* ?
- 8. Why did the Vicario brothers murder Santiago Nasar?
- 9. Who is the narrator in Fitzgerald's novel, *The Great Gatsby*?
- 10. What does the speaker in Elizabeth Bishop's poem finally do with the fish ?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION – B

Answer any **EIGHT** questions, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.

- 11. What does Whitman try to achieve in his poem, "Beat! Beat! Drums!"?
- 12. How does Emily Dickinson develop her themes in her poem on 'Hope ?'
- 13. Comment on the closing lines of Ezekiel's poem, "Enterprise."
- 14. Explain the significance of the title of John Pepper Clark's poem, "Casualties."
- 15. How does Elizabeth Bishop describe the appearance of the fish in her poem ?

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- 16. Why does Sunma ask Eman to leave the village before the new year celebrations started ?
- 17. Do you think Santiago Nasar was guilty of the crime he was punished for ? What does the novel say about it ? Explain your answer.
- 18. What does Derek Walcott attempt to do in his poem, "Ruins of a Great House?"
- 19. Who is Bayardo San Roman ? What is his role in the novel, *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* ?
- 20. Who is Jaguna ? Why does his daughter rebel against him ?
- 21. How does the narrator of *The Great Gatsby* meet the hero of the novel ? What happens afterwards ?
- 22. How does Fitzgerald employ the green light as a symbol in *The Great Gatsby*?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION – C

Answer any SIX questions, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.

- 23. Trace the evolution of thought in the poem, "A Prayer in Spring."
- 24. Comment on the nature of the relationship between the speaker and his dog in Neruda's poem, "A Dog Has Died" ?
- 25. Write a critical appreciation of A.D. Hope's poem, "The Death of a Bird."
- 26. Comment on Derek Walcott's line, "The rot remains with us, the men are gone."
- 27. Give a short account of the ritualistic background of Soyinka's play, *The Strong Breed*.
- 28. Who is Jay Gatsby ? What does he represent in the novel ?
- 29. Attempt a character sketch of Sunma in The Strong Breed.
- 30. Write a note on the character of Daisy Buchanan.
- 31. Comment on the motif of honour in the novel Chronicle of a Death Foretold.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

SECTION – D

Answer any **TWO** questions, each in about 300 words.

- 32. Elaborate on the attitude of the speaker in Neruda's poem, "A Dog Has Died."
- 33. Write an essay on the themes of sacrifice and ritual cleansing in Soyinka's play, *The Strong Breed*.
- 34. Consider *The Great Gatsby* as a novel about the failure of the American dream.
- 35. Attempt a critical reading of the novel, *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks})$

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