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## Fifth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, December 2021

# First Degree Programme under CBCSS

### **English Language and Literature**

#### **Core Course X**

### **EN 1545: POST COLONIAL LITERATURES IN ENGLISH**

(2018 & 2019 Admission)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or sentence:
- 1. In which season is the poem "A Prayer in Spring" written?
- 2. Which culture is represented in *The Strong Breed*?
- 3. Which literary device is employed in the phrase "tarnished tinfoil"?
- 4. What is the nationality of Yasmine Gooneratne?
- 5. Which attribute did Santiago not inherit from his father, Ibrahim Nasar?
- 6. The thunder in the poem "Pilgrimage" refers to?
- 7. The epigraph in "Ruins of a Great House" has been taken from?

- 8. In the context of which war is the poem "Casualties" written?
- 9. Whom does the speaker address in the first line of Frost's "A Prayer in Spring"?
- 10. Which writer is fondly referred to as Gabo?

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

- II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words:
- 11. Why does Derek Walcott mention the names of many literary figures?
- 12. Why does the speaker in the poem "Beat! Beat! Drums" encourage the drums and bugles to interrupt daily life?
- 13. What according to Robert Frost is man's duty while living on this earth?
- 14. Can "A Prayer in Spring" be called a Carpe Diem poem?
- 15. What is the paradox in the poem "Notes Towards a Poem that Can Never be Written"?
- 16. How does the poem "Ruins of a Great House" end?
- 17. Why does Gatsby stop throwing parties?
- 18. Why was Santiago murdered?
- 19. Explain the use of the phrase "five-haired beard of wisdom".
- 20. Sunma's feelings towards her village.
- 21. How is a prison cell both a haven and a cruel place according to John Pepper Clark?
- 22. Who is Eman?
- 23. Neruda's relationship with the dog that died.

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- 24. Why does Atwood title her poem "Notes towards a poem that can never be written"?
- 25. Jazz Age
- 26. Eman as Jesus Christ

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

- III. Answer any **six** each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words:
- 27. Can the poem "A Dog has Died" be called an elegy? Why or Why not?
- 28. What are some of the things that the poet prefers in the poem "Possibilities"?
- 29. Comment on the epigraph in the poem "Ruins of a Great House".
- 30. Robert Frost wrote: "For this is love and nothing else is love", explain the meaning of these lines.
- 31. Write a note on the Australian landscape as described by Judith Wright.
- 32. What does Atwood urge poets to do?
- 33. The Vicaro twins.
- 34. Central themes in the poem "Ruins of a Great House".
- 35. The American Dream and *The Great Gatsby*.
- 36. Analyze the post-colonial elements in the poem "The Fish".
- 37. Elements of magical realism in *Chronicles* of a *Death Foretold*.
- 38. Symbolism in The Strong Breed.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$ 

- IV. Answer any **two** in about **300** words:
- 39. Analyze the poem "Enterprise" as an allegory.
- 40. Compare the portrayal of war in the poems "Beat! Beat! Drums!" and "Causalities".
- 41. Comment on the title 'The Great Gatsby.'
- 42. Yasmine Gooneratne protests as the voice of the subaltern. Comment.
- 43. Explain why Santiago was not warned about his impending death.
- 44. Comment on the plight of the woman writer in Atwood's poem.

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

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