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( CBCS )

( 6th Semester )

**ENGLISH**

TWELFTH (B) PAPER

( **Commonwealth Literature** )

*Full Marks : 75*

*Time : 3 hours*

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

( Please read the instructions carefully before you start writing your answers )

1. Questions should be attempted as per instructions.
2. Do not copy the Questions. Indicate the Section and Question No. clearly while attempting the answer.
3. For Multiple choice answer, candidate should indicate the **Question No., Sub. No., (if any) and the correct answer. For example :**

1. *Name the State capital of Mizoram.*

(a) *Lunglei*

(b) *Aizawl*

(c) *Champhai*

Candidate should provide answer as—Q. No. 1 : (b) *Aizawl*

[ Candidate should **avoid** writing only (b) ]

4. The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

**( SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE )**

( Marks : 10 )

Choose the correct answer from the options provided :

1×10=10

**1.** In *A Bend in the River*, why does Ferdinand leave the town?

- (a) To find a job in the capital
- (b) To begin an administrative internship
- (c) To serve in the President's army
- (d) To attend a university elsewhere

**2.** What does Hetty's name mean?

- (a) Mixed
- (b) Friendly
- (c) Garbage
- (d) Slave

**3.** What is the sacred animal of Ezidemili?

- (a) Python
- (b) Eagle
- (c) Crow
- (d) Tiger

4. What is an Igbo's personal god called?

- (a) Ulu
- (b) Chi
- (c) Ofo
- (d) Ikolo

5. Who dies on confirmation day in Ndotsheni?

- (a) Absalom
- (b) Gertrude
- (c) Margaret Jarvis
- (d) John Harrison

6. What does Umfundiso mean in the novel, *Cry, the Beloved Country*?

- (a) 'Respected Sir'
- (b) 'White man'
- (c) 'Judge'
- (d) 'Parson'

7. Who was born as a hunchbacked female in *The Vivisector*?

- (a) Kathy Volkov
- (b) Rhoda Courtney
- (c) Alfreda Courtney
- (d) Hero Pavloussi

**8.** The sole passion of Hurtle Duffield was

(a) uplifting others

(b) travelling

(c) reading

(d) art

**9.** Melanie Isaacs was enrolled in which of Lurie's courses?

(a) Communication 101

(b) Roman

(c) Communication Skills

(d) Advanced Communication Skills

**10.** What was the name of the escort service Lurie used?

(a) Desirable Escorts

(b) Windsor Manor

(c) Discreet Escorts

(d) Ryland's Route

( SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWER )

( Marks : 15 )

Answer the following questions in not more than 5 sentences each : 3×5=15

1. (a) Name the three zones of action in *A Bend in the River*.

**OR**

(b) What significance does the concept of homelessness have in *A Bend in the River*?

2. (a) What does the new moon represent in Chinua Achebe's *Arrow of God*?

**OR**

(b) What is the relationship between Ezeulu and his children in *Arrow of God*?

3. (a) Why was Stephen Kumalo asked to look for Sibeko's daughter while in Johannesburg?

**OR**

(b) What does 'the dawn' symbolize in *Cry, the Beloved Country*?

4. (a) Who is Rhoda Courtney?

**OR**

(b) No animal suffers worse than a human being. What does Alfreda Courtney mean by this statement in *The Vivisector*?

5. (a) What do the dogs symbolize in *Disgrace*?

**OR**

(b) What role does Lucy play in the action of the story in *Disgrace*?

**( SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE )**

( Marks : 50 )

Answer the following questions :

10×5=50

1. (a) *A Bend in the River* is about Indian culture in Africa. Elucidate.

**OR**

- (b) What is the significance of Raymond's discussion of history and the impossibility of reconstructing real historical truth?

2. (a) Illustrate how gender is depicted throughout the novel in *Arrow of God*.

**OR**

- (b) Discuss the portrayal of the Igbo culture and community.

3. (a) Make an assessment of the character of the protagonist Stephen Kumalo in *Cry, the Beloved Country*.

**OR**

- (b) Explain in detail the themes of race and racism in the novel, *Cry, the Beloved Country*.

4. (a) Examine Hurtle as an artist in *The Vivisector*.

**OR**

- (b) Explain how *The Vivisector* explores universal theme of the suffering of the artist.

5. (a) The main theme of *Disgrace* is that of injustice and exploitation, both at the personal and societal level. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

**OR**

- (b) Comment on the significance of the title *Disgrace*.

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