

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2023
(Fourth Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH

AN INTRODUCTION TO WORLD LITERATURE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks (5 x 1 = 5)

1. "The Odyssey" is an epic poem about the story of _____, king of Ithaca.
i) Ulysses ii) Odysseus iii) Homer iv) Akbar
2. What is the favourite animal of Shakuntala? Venus advises Aeneas to
i) Bird ii) Lion iii) Deer iv) Rabbit
3. What has Gorky portrayed in *Mother*?
i) Love of mother ii) Mother's care towards family
iii) Sprit of proletarian movement iv) Potential of a Woman
4. Who is the protagonist of Ha Jin's *Waiting*?
i) Lin Kong ii) Charles iii) Ha Mang iv) Ji Ho
5. *Chemmeen* tells the story of the relationship between _____, the daughter of a Hindu fisherman, and Pareekutti, the son of a Muslim fish wholesaler.
i) Kaveri ii) Meena iii) Karuthamma iv) Lakshmi

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 3 = 15)

II. Answer all the questions:

6. a. Why do all gods except Poseidon gather again on Mount Olympus?
(OR)
b. Why does Juno hold a permanent grudge against troy?
7. a. List out qualities does Shakuntala have?
(OR)
b. What does Silappadikaram deal with?
8. a. Discuss the social background of the novel *Mother*.
(OR)
b. Explain how Gregor's personality change after his metamorphosis, and how does it remain the same?
9. a. Why does Lin travel back to Goose Village to divorce Shuyu?
(OR)
b. Why does Yusof refuse to sell his crops to the occupying armies?
10. a. Describe the moral lessons in *The Life of Pi*.
(OR)
b. Bring out the significance on the title of the novel *Chemmeen*.

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SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

III. Answer ALL the questions:

11. a. Describe the narrative form of *Inferno*. How is it tied to the poem's geographical structure?
How is it tied to the poem's central theme?
(OR)
- b. To what extent is the "Aeneid" a political poem?
12. a. Write a critical appreciation of "Vemana Satakam".
(OR)
- b. Sketch the character of Kannagi in "Silapathikaram".
13. a. How does the novel *Mother* depict the picture of pre-revolutionary Russia?
(OR)
- b. Discuss the central idea of the novel *The Prophet*.
14. a. How does the novel *Waiting* reflect the communist China?
(OR)
- b. Analyse the political background of the novel *Savushun*.
15. a. Critically examine the 'Fantastical Realism' with reference to the novel *Life of Pi*.
(OR)
- b. Comment on the 'Myth and beliefs' in the novel *Chemmeen*.

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