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B.A. English

Core Course—COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

(Common for Model I and Model II and Model III (Three Main) B.A. English Programmes)

[Prior to 2013 Admissions]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Part A

Answer all questions from this part.

Each bunches of four questions carries a weight of 1.

- I. 1 German school of Comparative Literature had its origin in the :
- (a) Late 19th Century. (b) Late 18th Century.
(c) Late 17th Century. (d) Late 16th Century.
- 2 Many consider the notion of 'Welt Literature' proposed of Comparative Literature.
- (a) Goethe. (b) Byron.
(c) Tagore. (d) None of these.
- 3 Who among the following is regarded as the pioneer of orientalism ?
- (a) Edger Allan Poe. (b) Edward Said.
(c) Walt Whitman. (d) None of these.
- 4 Who among the following got Nobel Prize for Literature ?
- (a) Sarojini Naidu. (b) R.K. Narayan.
(c) R. N. Tagore. (d) All of these.





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- II. 5 Who is the teacher of Nirvana and the Law ?
- (a) Lord Krishna. (b) Lord Buddha.
(c) Lord Mahavira. (d) None of these.
- 6 Who translated the story 'Dwaraka' into English ?
- (a) Vengayil Kunhiraman Nayanar.
(b) C. S. Venkiteswaran.
(c) Sundara Ramaswamy.
(d) None of these.
- 7 'Naidoo' is a character in the story :
- (a) Dwaraka. (b) On Alien Soil.
(c) The Glass Menagerie. (d) None of these.
- 8 Who wrote 'Transposed Heads' ?
- (a) Thomas Mann. (b) Tennessee Williams.
(c) Susan Bassnet. (d) None of these.
- III. 9 Who translated 'Gitanjali' into English ?
- (a) W. B. Yeats. (b) T. S. Elliot.
(c) Tagore himself. (d) None of these.
- 10 'If you want to know Me' is a poem by:
- (a) Noemia De Souza. (b) Kishwarnahed.
(c) Edwin Arnold. (d) None of these.
- 11 When does Tagore's heart break with pride ?
- (a) When God Commands him to sing.
(b) When India becomes a free nation.
(c) When people become friendly.
(d) None of these.





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- 12 To which dynasty did Lord Buddha belong to :
- (a) Mauryas. (b) Sakyas.
(c) Guptas. (d) Vardhanas.
- IV. 13 The mount mentioned in the poem 'Light of Asia' ?
- (a) Mount Everest. (b) Mount Sumeru.
(c) Mount Kailasa. (d) None of these.
- 14 What is the Punishment if you want to speak ?
- (a) Death. (b) Prison.
(c) Hang upside down in a well. (d) None of these.
- 15 The continent referred to in the poem 'If you want to know me' is :
- (a) Asia. (b) America.
(c) Africa. (d) Europe.
- 16 Who wrote the first short story 'Vasanavi Kriti' in Malayalam ?
- (a) O. Chandu Menon.
(b) O.N.V. Kurup.
(c) Vengayil Kunhiraman Nayanar.
(d) None of these.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Part B

Answer any five of the following in a sentence or 2.

Each question carries a weight of 1.

- 17 What is Eurocentrism ?
- 18 What is comparative literature ?
- 19 What is the attitude of the speaker before his Lord ?
- 20 How do the Devas know of the coming of Buddha ?





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- 21 What is the significance of the title 'If you want to know me' ?
- 22 How does the speaker chance upon the Dwaraka connection ?
- 23 What kind of life does Naidoo lead ?
- 24 How did Thoreau influence Gandhi ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

Answer any **four** of the following in about 100 words.

Each question carries a weight of 2.

- 25 What is the theme of 'Transposed Heads' ?
- 26 Discuss the plot of 'Hayavadana'.
- 27 What is the setting of the play 'The Glass Menagerie' ?
- 28 Attempt a critical appreciation to the poem 'If you want to know me'.
- 29 How does Dhawan describe the influence of epics on later issues ?
- 30 What conclusion does the speaker arrive at about Gujaratis in 'On Alien Soil' ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part D

Answer any **two** of the following in about 300 words.

Each question carries a weight of 4.

- 31 How does Literature from England problematise or justify Comparative Literature ?
Discuss based on Susan Bassnet's views.
- 32 Consider 'Gitanjali' as a religious poem.
- 33 Discuss the plot of 'Akale'.

(2 × 4 = 8)

