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**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
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English

ENG 5B 10—INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 According to the speaker in the verse "You Left Me," what is heroic and why ?
- 2 In the poem "Coromandel Fishers," what is said to be the wealth of tide ?
- 3 According to the speaker in the poem "Coromandel Fishers," what sort of sounds can one hear early in the morning ?
- 4 What does the poet mean by the phrase "sword in its sheath" in the poem "An Introduction ?"
- 5 In the poem "An Old Woman," what does the phrase "bullet holes" refer to ?
- 6 What are the contents of the letter received by the narrator ?
- 7 In the poem "The Country Without a Post Office," why does the poet say that the houses are empty ?
- 8 Why did caste Hindus prevent the untouchables from drinking the water of Chavadar lake ?
- 9 What did Rushdie mean when he said, "Literature is self-validating ?"
- 10 How did the lighting of his workplace help the astrologer in his business ?
- 11 What challenge did the client throw at the astrologer ?
- 12 How did Lentina lose her Laburnum saplings in the third year ?
- 13 Where in the US did Mr. Das live ? What was his job ?
- 14 Why did Yavakri spend ten years in the jungle ?
- 15 How did Bhupati lose his trust in Umapada ?

(Ceiling - 25 marks)

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II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph. 5 marks each :

- 16 How does the poet establish the connection between 'youth' and 'spring' in the verse "Left Me" ?
- 17 Write a brief note on the typical Indian woman and male domination in Indian society expressed in the poem "An Introduction."
- 18 In the poem "An Old Woman," what is the speaker trying to convey through the lines "the hills crack, and the temples crack, and the sky falls ?"
- 19 Write about the plight of Plebians in ancient Roman society to establish equality.
- 20 Why does Rushdie feel that "redescribing the world is the necessary first step in changing it ?"
- 21 On what conditions did Lentina offer to donate her land to the Town Committee?
- 22 Why did Mr. Kapasi regard the Das family as siblings ?
- 23 What was Yavakri's plan of revenge against the family of Raibhya ?

(Ceiling - 3)

I. Answer any two out of the four questions in an essay :

- 24 Describe the woeful tale of the people of Kashmir with reference to the poem "The Without a Post Office."
- 25 According to Ambekar, "Untouchability is not a simple matter ; it is the mother of poverty and lowliness." Elucidate.
- 26 "R.K. Narayan typically portrays the peculiarities of human relationships and of Indian daily life, in which modern urban existence clashes with ancient India." Elucidate based on his story "An Astrologer's Day."
- 27 How does the role of Charulata problematize the presupposed role of the conventional Indian woman ?

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