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**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
NOVEMBER 2024**

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)

**Turn over**

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 "You Left Me" ?
- 17 Write a brief note on the typical Indian woman and male domination in Indian society as expressed in the poem "An Introduction."
- 18 In the poem "An Old Woman," what is the speaker trying to convey through the lines "and 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 "re-describing the world is the necessary first step towards 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 - 35 marks)

III. 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 Country Without a Post Office."
- 25 According to Ambedkar, "Untouchability is not a simple matter ; it is the mother of all our poverty and lowliness." Elucidate.
- 26 "R.K. Narayan typically portrays the peculiarities of human relationships and the ironies of Indian daily life, in which modern urban existence clashes with ancient tradition." Elucidate based on his story "An Astrologer's Day."
- 27 How does the role of Charulata problematize the presupposed role of the contemporary Indian woman ?

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)