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**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2025**

English

ENG 5B 10—INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(2019 Syllabus)

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 do the fishermen do when they hear the seagull’s call ?
- 3 In “Where the Mind is without Fear,” to whom is the poet talking ?
- 4 “Don’t write in English” - Who gave these orders and to whom ?
- 5 How does the old woman try to grab the speaker’s attention ?
- 6 What are the contents of the letter received by the narrator ?
- 7 What happened on the 19th of March 1927 at Chavadar Lake ?
- 8 Why does Ambedkar feel that the removal of untouchability alone cannot bring equality in the society ?
- 9 In “Imaginary Homelands,” why was the author amazed after spending months trying to recall as much of the Bombay of the 1950s and 1960s as he could ?
- 10 What kind of life would have the astrologer led if he had not left his village ?
- 11 What does the author mean by “the specimens of human conceit” in the cemetery ?
- 12 How does the Laburnum tree respond to the seasons ?
- 13 Where in the US did Mr. Das live ? What was his job ?
- 14 How did Raibhya intend to punish Yavakri ?
- 15 What were Amal’s reasons for leaving Bhupati’s house ?

(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 In the poem "Coromandel Fishers," what is described as 'sweet' by the fisherman ?
- 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 Briefly discuss the important points mentioned in the third proclamation of the French Nationalist Assembly.
- 20 How does Rushdie perceive the appropriateness of using the English language to Indian themes ?
- 21 On what conditions did Lentina offer to donate her land to the Town Committee ?
- 22 Comment on Mr. Kapasi's passion for foreign languages and his initial ambition to become an international interpreter.
- 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 miserable plight of the old woman in the poem "An Old Woman."
- 25 According to Ambekar, "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 "The Fire and the Rain" involves a clash of egos, revenge, misuse of knowledge, and fragility of human nature. Discuss.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)