

B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024

Sixth Semester

English — Core

CANADIAN LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2021 – 2022 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Margaret opines that 'marriage should be based on _____,

(a) Bonding (b) Understanding
(c) Romance (d) Love

6. *On Sunday* by Rohinton Mistry sets in _____.

(a) London (b) Firozsha Baag
(c) Jutland (d) Wessex

7. The play *The Rez Sisters* was first performed in the year _____.

(a) 1987 (b) 1986
(c) 1978 (d) 2000

8. _____ is the protagonist of *Toronto Mississippi*.

(a) Jhana (b) Lara
(c) King (d) Happy man

9. *The Moons of Jupiter* tells the story of a divorced middle aged writer named _____.

(a) Henry (b) James
(c) Janet (d) Alice

10. _____ is the name of the tiger that survives with the young man in *Life of Pi*.

(a) Richard Parker (b) Alice
(c) Martin (d) Elissa

2. "Everyone has learned to move carefully" This line occurs in the poem _____.

(a) Bushed
(b) Speaking to You
(c) On the Day the World Begins Again
(d) Habitation

3. _____ is the antagonist of the story *The Conjuror's Revenge*.

(a) Conjuror (b) Manager
(c) Quick Man (d) Rune

4. Margaret Atwood is a _____ feminist.

(a) Liberal (b) Marxist
(c) Radical (d) Eco feminist

5. In the story *The Love of a Good Woman* Mrs. Quinn has died of _____ failure.

(a) Lungs (b) Liver
(c) Kidney (d) Heart

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL the questions by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) How does the poem "Bushed" by Earle Birney depict the Canadian wilderness?

Or

(b) What is the significance of the title "On the Day the World Begins Again" by Armand Garnet Ruffo?

12. (a) How does Leacock use humour to critique bureaucracy in "A Model Dialogue"?

Or

(b) What were Napoleon's two biggest mistakes according to Atwood?

13. (a) How does Giuseppe Tomasidi develop suspense in his short story *The Siren*?

Or

(b) What role does religion play in *One Sunday* by Rohinton Mistry?

14. (a) How does Tomson Highway use humor in *The Rez Sisters* to address serious social issues?

Or

(b) Discuss the significance of the setting in *Toronto Mississippi* by Joan Macleod.

15. (a) How does Alice Munro explore the theme of memory in *The Moons of Jupiter*?

Or

(b) Discuss the significance of the animal characters in *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL the questions by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss how Margaret Atwood employs imagery and symbolism in "Habitation" to convey the theme of human interaction with nature.

Or

(b) Discuss the significance of imagery and metaphor in Michael Ondaatje's "Speaking to You" in conveying themes of memory and longing.

17. (a) Discuss the significance of the magicians role in "The Conjurer's Revenge".

Or

(b) Discuss the impact of Napoleon's underestimation of the Russian winter on the outcome of the Napoleonic Wars.

18. (a) Analyze the significance of the short story form in *The Love of a Good Woman* in conveying themes of intimacy and revelation.

Or

(b) Discuss the significance of the title "One Sunday" in relation to the themes and events of the story.

19. (a) Explore the theme of resilience and empowerment in *The Rez Sisters* by Tomson Highway.

Or

(b) Explore the motif of family relationships in *Toronto Mississippi* by Joan Macleod.

20. (a) Analyze the character development of the protagonist in *The Moons of Jupiter* by Alice Munro.

Or

(b) Discuss the theme of faith and its role in the protagonist's survival in *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel.