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Paper Code: UGEN201CCT Paper Title: Selections from Modern Indian Literature

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 70

Note : This question paper consists of three parts : Part – A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answers each question is only indicative. Attempt all parts.

Part–A contains **10** compulsory questions of multiple choice/fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark. (10x1=10 marks)

Part-B contains 08 questions of which students are supposed to answer 05 questions. Answer each question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks. (5x6=30 marks)

Part-C contains 05 questions of which students are supposed to answer 03 question. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries 10 marks. (3x10=30 marks)

Part-A

Question: 1:

- 1) The story 'M.C.C.' is taken from R.K. Narayan's _____.
a) *The Guide* b) *Swami and Friends* c) *The Bachelor of Arts* d) *The English Teacher*
- ii. The figurative language used in the lines "...and the years keep trying to smile/ in the stubborn starvation light" is _____.
a) Simile b) Metaphor c) Personification d) Allusion
- iii. The pen-name of the writer C.S. Lakshmi is _____.
- iv. "You are all knowing, friends," and "Miss Pushpa is smiling and smiling" are dig at use of _____ tense, which is characteristic of Indian English.
a) Simple Past b) Simple present c) Past perfect d) Present continuous
- v. 'Forward March' is translation of a _____ poem.
a) Telugu b) Tamil c) Malayalam d) Hindi
- vi. _____ is the name used by Premchand to write in Urdu.
- vii. The sobriquet 'Mandan' prefixed to Muthapa's name means _____.
a) One-eyed b) Clever c) Stupid d) Cunning
- viii. 'Dhansiri', 'Jalangi', and 'Rupsa' in the poem 'I Shall Return to this Bengal' refer to _____.
a) Rivers b) Mountains c) Valleys d) Meadows
- ix. Saadat Hasan Manto's story, 'Toba Tek Singh' is a critique of _____.
a) War b) Nationalism c) Partition d) Communalism
- x. _____ is the name of the greedy trader in Premchand's 'The Holy Panchayat'.

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Part-B

- 2) What is the desire that the persona expresses in the poem '*I Shall Return to this Bengal*'
- 3) Why do you think Saadat Hasan Manto set his story '*Toba Tek Singh*' in a mental asylum?
- 4) According to the narrator what are the requirements to be a professional pickpocket? Do you think Muthapa can be a successful pickpocket?
- 5) What kinds of sufferings does the persona address in the poem '*A Country*'?
- 6) Why did Swaminathan and friends write a letter to Messrs Binns in the story '*M.C.C*'?
- 7) Why does the persona say, "I am so very far from you" in G.M. Mukhtibodh's poem.
- 8) What was the decision that ruined the foundation of friendship between Algu Chowdhari and Jumman Sheikh in the story '*The Holy Panchayat*'
- 9) Analyze the poem '*Goodbye Party to Miss Pushpa T.S.*' as a dramatic monologue.

Part-C

- 10) What qualities of Miss Pushpa T.S. are evident from the speaker's address in Nissim Ezekiel's poem?
- 11) Discuss in detail why did the old aunt approach the Panchayat and what was the decision taken by it?
- 12) Explain in detail how Mandan Muthapa defeated Ottakannan Pokker in the story '*Card-Sharpers Daughter*'.
- 13) Critically analyze any one of the poems from your syllabus
- 14) Discuss the starting of a cricket team as the most complicated problem from the point of view of children in R.K.Narayan's story '*M.C.C*'.
