# Maulana Azad National Urdu University Programme: BA & B.COM

II Semester (Backlog) Examination, December-2020 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)

#### **Question: 1:**

- i) The lines "Hail comrades denounce the useless/Dust and dirt of an age gone by" are taken from the poem \_\_\_\_\_.
  a) So Very Far
  b) Forward March
  c) A Country
  d) I Shall Return to this Bengal
- ii) Which of the following book of Muktibodh was banned in 1962 by Madhya Pradesh Government?
  - a) Bharat: Itihas aur Sanskriti b) Ek Sahityik ki Diary
  - c) Nai Kavita ka Atamsangharsh d) Vipatra
- iii) Nissim Ezekiel was awarded the Padma Shri in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) 1980 b) 1996 c) 1975 d) 1988
- iv) The following lines have been taken from which poem? When darkness falls the old speak of the past with sleepy voices; my ears tremble when I hear their tales"
  - a) Hungerb) Enterprisec) A Countryd) So very Far
- v) Which of the following book was written by Premchand?
  - a) *Siyah Hashiyeh* b) *Godan*
  - c) Raag Darbari d) Maila Anchal
- vi) The "M.C.C." is a chapter taken from which novel of R.K. Narayan?
  - a) The Vendor of Sweets b) Man-Eater of Malgudi
  - c) Swami and Friends d) The English Teacher
- vii) Saadat Hasna Manto's short story "Toba Tek Singh" was published in the Urdu magazine

a)	Savera	b) Caravan
c)	Mussavar	d) Khilona

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## <u>Part-A</u>

- viii) Zainaba is a character in the story \_
  - a) Squirrel b) The Holy Panchayat
  - c) The Card Sharper's Daughter d) Toba Tek Singh
- ix) "I Shall Return to this Bengal" has been written in which poetic form?
  - a) Ode b) Elegy
  - c) Epic d) Sonnet

### vii) What is the real name of famous Tamil writer Ambai?

- a) Lakhsmi Holmstrom b) C. S. Lakshmi
- c) K. Lalita d) Susie Tharu

### Part-B

- 2) Discuss how Sri Sri combines the themes of journey and revolution in his poem "Forward March".
- 3) Comment on the title of the story "The Holy Panchayat".
- 4) Discuss the use of allusions in the story "Squirrel".
- 5) Examine how Muktibodh's poem "So very Far" speaks about the class divisions in society and the individual's inability to bring about change.
- 6) Discuss how R.K. Narayan captures the essence of Indian childhood in his story 'The "M.C.C.".
- 7) Comment on the theme of Mohammed Basheer's short story "The Card Sharper's daughter".
- 8) Discuss in brief the setting of Saadat Hasan Manto's short story "Toba Tek Singh".
- 9) Write in detail the central idea of the poem "Good bye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S."

#### Part-C

- 10) Comment on the poet's overwhelming sense of longing to return to the past in Jibananda Das' poem "I Shall Return to this Bengal".
- 11) Comment on the theme of justice in Premchand's story "The Holy Panchayat".
- 12) Examine Ambai's "Squirrel" as a story dominated by feminist concerns.
- 13) Discuss how Manto's has been successful in portraying the trauma of Partition in his short story "Toba Tek Singh".
- 14) Critically examine the theme of suffering in Jayanta Mahapatra's poem "A Country".

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