

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY
Master of Arts English
I SEMESTER EXAMINATION, December 2023
Paper : MAEN103CCT : Fiction in English

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks 70 marks

Note : This question paper consists of three parts : Part – A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answer 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 01 mark. (10x1=10-marks)

Part-B contains 08 questions of which students are required 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 required to answer 03 questions. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries 10 marks. (3x10=30 marks)

Part-A

1.
 - i. *Wuthering Heights* is finally published in the year-----.
a) 1845 b)1847 C)1848 d) 1846
 - ii. Which character speaks the words “I AM Heath cliff!
a) Heathcliff b) Nelly c) Linton Heathcliff d) Catherine
 - iii. What are the famous opening lines of the novel *The Outsider*?
 - iv. Meursault doesn’t cry at his mother’s-----and doesn’t believe in-----.
 - v. What does Meursault do during the vigil for his mother?
a) He gets into a fight with the caretaker
b) He chats happily with Thomas Perez
c) He cries all night
d) He smokes, drinks coffee, and sleeps
 - vi. The novel *The Bluest Eyes* is divided into an untitled prelude and four sections. The four sections are named after-----
a) The four winds in classical mythology
b) The four sacred numbers
c) The four seasons
d) The four Cardinal Directions
 - vii. Toni Morrison was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in-----.
a)1995 b)1993 c)1996 d)1992

- viii. *The God of Small Things* received -----Award in the year-----.
- ix. What is the real name of Baby Kochamma?
- x. According to the novel *The God of Small Things*, the significance of the “Love Laws”
- a) They represent societal norms and restrictions on love.
 - b) They symbolize the legal system.
 - c) They are ancient Hindu laws regarding relationships.
 - d) They are the rules created by Baby Kochamma for her pickle business.

Part B

2. Discuss briefly the character of Heathcliff.
3. Heathcliff brutalizes Hareton the same way that he was brutalized by Hindley; but Hareton does not go the Heathcliff way. Why? Give your reasons.
4. How does Meursault and his society view each other in *The Outsider*?
5. Write a short note on the theme of absurdity in *The Outsider*?
6. What is the significance of the title in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*? Elaborate it.
7. Discuss how physical beauty is depicted in *The Bluest Eye*.
8. Explain in detail the social themes in *The God of Small Things*.
9. Critically analyze the theme of caste discrimination in *The God of Small Things*.

PART C

10. Discuss how love and revenge are the two main themes in *Wuthering Heights*.
11. Describe the funeral of Meursault’s mother, detailing Meursault’s reactions and impressions.
12. Does *The God of Small Things* have one definite protagonist? If so, who is it and why? If not, why does the novel need no single protagonist? Explain.
13. How is the marginalization of women depicted in *The God of Small Things*? Comment.
14. Write brief note on the following characters:
 - a. Catherine
 - b. Ammu
