

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL URDU UNIVERSITY

Programme: BA

IV Semester Examinations April/May 2026

Paper Title: **Literature Across Borders**

Paper Code: **BNEN401DCT**

Time: **3Hours**

Max Marks: **70**

Note: This question paper consists of (3) parts : Part – A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answers each question is only indicative. Attempt all the 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 (8) questions of which students are supposed to answer (5) questions. Answer each question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks. **(5x6=30 marks)**

Part-C contains (5) questions of which students are supposed to answer (3) questions. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries (10) marks. **(3x10=30 marks)**

Part A

1. Answer the following:

- Robert Browning's first published poem, _____ was modelled on the intense confessional mode of Shelley.
- What was the pseudonym of Sylvia Plath?
- Who was awarded Pulitzer prize for *The Collected poems* in 1982?
- Name the distinctive narrative style of Gabriel Gracia Marquez.
- Ursula and Dr. Octavio Giraldo are characters in _____
- Who is the author of the anthology of poems, *Book of Twilights*?
- Who among the following utters the dialogue, "Too easily impressed; she liked whate'er She looked on, and her looks went everywhere"?
 - Duke
 - Duchess
 - Envoy
 - None of the above
- Who created a highly personal poetic technique that came to be known as *Nerudismo*?
- Who is the author of the novels, *A Grain of Wheat* and *The River Between*?
- Who among the following was awarded Padma Shri in the year 1982?
 - Vaikom Muhammed Basheer
 - Vijay Tendulkar
 - Sarojini Naidu
 - None of the above

Part B

- Write a brief note on the role of women in Victorian society.
- Discuss the characteristic features of Dramatic Monologue.
- Explain the difficulties faced by the kitchen worker in the story, 'The World-Renowned Nose'?
- Sketch the character of Ms. Benare in the play, *Silence the Court is in Session*.
- Write a critical analysis of the poem, 'My Last Duchess'
- Consider the achievements of Sylvia Plath .
- Throw light on the significance of the Cage in the story, 'Belthazar's Marvellous Afternoon'
- Write a brief note on the images and symbols in the poem, 'The Moon and the Yew Tree'

Part C

- Consider poverty, exploitation and abuse as the important themes of the short story, 'Belthazar's Marvellous Afternoon'.
- Write an essay on the characteristic features of Victorian poetry. Give examples from the poems you have studied.
- Critically analyze the revolutionary theme of the poem, 'Portrait in the Rock'
- Throw light on the importance of the title of the play, *Silence the Court is in Session*.
- Analyze the greatness of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer with reference to the short story prescribed for your study.
