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V Semester B.A. Degree Examination, February/March - 2024

ENGLISH

Life Narratives

(NEP Scheme Freshers 2023 Onwards)

Paper : DSC - 9



Time : 2½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

Instructions to Candidates:

Answer all the Sections.

SECTION - A**(Introduction to Life Narratives)**

- I.** Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 150 words : (5)
1. Provide a brief note on Autobiography.
 2. Enumerate the key developments in the evolution of Women's autobiography.
 3. Discuss the alignment between autobiography and the value accorded to authorship during the 19th Century.
- II.** Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 300 words. (10)
1. "The Rise of Life Narratives comes with a range of problems and also possibilities" Explain.
 2. Explore the interconnection between autobiography, gender, masculinity and societal norms as elucidated in Linda Anderson's extract.
 3. Elaborate the significant advancement in the progression of women's autobiography as delineated in Sidone Smith and Julia Watson's extract.

SECTION - B**(Autobiography)**

- III.** Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 150 words. (5)
1. What aspirations does Mary Kom have for the future?
 2. Discuss the significance of Mary Kom's achievements in the realm of women's boxing.
 3. Write a note on Mary Kom as a role model for women in sports.

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IV. Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words. (10)

1. Explain how Mary Kom overcame gender bias and societal expectations as portrayed in the autobiography 'Unbreakable'.
2. Comment on the role of family and mentors in Mary Kom's life.
3. 'I was the David who took on the Goliaths'. Discuss the statement with reference to 'Unbreakable'.

SECTION - C

(Memoirs)

V. Answer any ONE of the following in about 150 words. (5)

1. Describe Sir M. Visveswaraya's efforts in dealing with the government of Madras concerning the Cauvery Reservoir project.
2. Write a note on the writer's conversation with Kong Sarith in 'Stories in Stone'.
3. What were the consequences of Khmer rouge seizing power in Cambodia?

VI. Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words. (10)

1. How did Sir M. Visveswaraya contribute to the development of technical education and industries in Mysore during his tenure?
2. Describe the memories of Cambodia's cultural heritage as portrayed by Amitav Ghosh.
3. Discuss the experience of Sir M. Visveswaraya as the Chief Engineer of Mysore.

SECTION - D

(Biography and Biopics)

VII. Answer any ONE of the following in about 150 words. (5)

1. Provide a note on the circumstances that led Joanne Schieble to put Steve Jobs up for adoption.
2. How does 'Nanu Avanalla Avalu' reflect the arduous journey and troubled existence of a transgender?
3. Write a short note on Malti's determination and resilience in the face of adversity.

VIII. Answer any ONE of the following in about 300 words. (10)

1. What role did Steve Jobs' parents play in shaping his attitude towards education, specifically in his choice of unconventional educational path?
 2. Explore the challenges faced by the protagonist Madesha in terms of gender identity, family dynamics, and societal expectations.
 3. Examine the role of media in shaping public opinion and social changes as depicted in the film text 'Chhappak'.
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