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VI Semester B.A. Degree Examination, July/August - 2024

ENGLISH (Optional)

Postcolonial Studies (DSC)

(NEP Freshers Scheme)

Paper : A13



Time : 2½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

**Instructions to Candidates:**

Answer all the sections.

**SECTION - A****(Unit - 1 : Introduction to Postcolonial Studies)**

- I. Write a short note on any One of the following:** (5)
- Anti - colonialism.
  - The Other.
  - Hegemony.
  - Subaltern.
- II. Answer any One of the following.** (10)
- How does Macaulay evaluate the value of Western literature and knowledge compared to Eastern literature and knowledge in his essay?
  - Delineate the economic and cultural justifications of Thomas Macaulay in his essay.
  - "..... a class of persons Indian in blood and colour, but English in taste, in opinions, in morals, in intellect". Analyse this statement with reference to the essay.

**Section - B****(Unit - 2 : Essay on Postcolonial Studies)**

- I. Write a short note on any One of the following.** (5)
- The concept of hegemony in *The Empire Writes Back*.
  - How does the character of Kachra challenge societal norms?
  - Beginnings of English Study in India.
- II. Answer any One of the following:** (10)
- Discuss Lord Cornwallis's statement '..... a good government was held together not by men but by political principles'.
  - What importance do Bollywood and Cricket play in Indian society as portrayed in the essay on *Lagaan*.
  - Elaborate on the development of English as a field of study according to Gauri Vishwanathan.

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**Section - C**

**(Unit 3 : Postcolonial Texts and Talks)**

- I. Write a short note on any One of the following. (5)**
- Define the term “single story” as used in the talk by Chimamanda Adichie.
  - Comment on the gradual reversal of deindustrialization in the *Inglorious Empire*.
  - How does Meena Kandasamy envision an English language that tires a white man’s tongue?
- II. Answer any One of the following. (10)**
- Explore the themes of identity confusion and displacement in ‘Toba Tek Singh’.
  - What were the methods used by the British to control and exploit India economically as stated by Dr. Shashi Tharoor?
  - Examine the character of Bishan Singh. What does his refusal to move to either India or Pakistan signify?

**Section - D**

**(Unit 4 : Things Fall Apart)**

- I. Write a short note on any One of the following. (5)**
- Unoka.
  - Okonkwo.
  - Significance of punishment in the novel.
- II. Answer any One of the following. (10)**
- Describe the significance of the wrestling matches and festivals in the novel.
  - Examine the theme of shame in the novel. Substantiate with instances.
  - Elaborate on the role of women in Things Fall Apart.
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