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VI Semester B.A. Degree Examination, JulyAugust - 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 identify 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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