

2021

ENGLISH

[HONOURS]

(CBCS)

(B.A. Fifth Semester End Examination-2021)

PAPER-HCC11

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03 Hrs

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as
far as practicable*

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

1. Attempt any two questions taking one from each group:

10x2= 20

Group-A

- i) Write a note on the significance of the title “Tonight I can Write”.
- ii) “I who am poisoned with the blood of both”- Bring out the dilemma and anguish of the poet as expressed in the line.

Group-B

- iii) Write a note on the symbolic significance of the title of *Things Fall Apart*.
- iv) Comment briefly on Florentino Ariza’s relationship with women in *Love in the time of Cholera*.

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2. Attempt any four of the following questions: 4x5 = 20

- i) “Love is so short, forgetting is so long”- Explain.
- ii) Comment briefly on the role of coincidence in the construction of the plot in *Love in the Time of Cholera*.
- iii) Comment on the theme of death in *Love in the Time of Cholera*.
- iv) “The same night whitening the same trees. / We, of that time, are no longer in same ” comment on it
- v) What is the role of family and community in *Things Fall Apart*?
- vi) For all his manifestation of bravery Okonkwo’s life is always driven by fear – Discuss.
- vii) “The gorilla wrestles with the superman” – Explain.

3. Attempt any ten of the following questions: 10x2 = 20

- i) What does ‘the endless sky’ mean in Neruda’s “Tonight I Can Write”?
- ii) “And the verse falls to the soul like dew to the pasture” – What does the speaker mean here?
- iii) What is emphasised by the poet as ‘natural law’ in “A Far Cry from Africa”?
- iv) What is the literal meaning of the phrase – ‘a far cry’?
- v) How does the eighteen-year-old Okonkwo bring honour to his village?
- vi) What happens to twins born in Umuofia?

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- vii) Who is the priestess of Agbala, the oracle of the Hills and the Caves?
- viii) How did Dr. Juvenal Urbino die?
- ix) Who was Transito Ariza? What did she do for a living?
- x) Why was Aunt Escolastica banished by Mr Daza?
- xi) What occasioned the first meeting between Dr. Urbino and Fermina Daza?
- xii) Which event forms the political backdrop of the poem, “A For cry from Africa “?
- xiii) “My soul is not satisfied” – Why does the speaker say so in “Tonight I can write”?
- xiv) Write very briefly on any one of the following phrases:
i) Cultural erasure ii) ‘The white Man’s Burden’.
- xv) Write down the names of any two of the postcolonial critics belonging to South Africa.
