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Fifth Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Degree Examination, December 2023 First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English

Open Course

EN 1551.1: COMMUNICATIVE APPLICATIONS IN ENGLISH

(2020 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- Answer all questions, each in a word or a sentence :
- 1. Give an antonym for 'bitter'.
- 2. Name the three articles in English.
- 3. Give a synonym for 'enormous'.
- 4. What are the LSRW skills?
- 5. Give the meaning for the idiom "to beat around the bush'.
- 6. Give two examples of Indian English words.
- 7. Give a one word substitute for "A news article that reports the recent death of a person".
- 8. Identify the difference between fare' and 'fair'.

- 9. Mention the four types of reading.
- 10. What is the difference between listening and hearing?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- II. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. What is a resume?
- 12. What are the barriers to listening?
- 13. What is mother-tongue interference?
- 14. Explain the meaning of the idiom "once in a blue moon" with the help of a sentence.
- 15. Write a brief news report on drug abuse.
- 16. Blogging.
- 17. Non-verbal communication.
- 18. As Student Editor, draft a notice for your college notice board inviting articles from the students for the college magazine.
- 19. Difference between British and American English.
- 20. What are the key points in introducing oneself?
- 21. Mention the strategies to be followed while delivering a speech.
- 22. Write four sentences to compere for a musical show being conducted in your college.

- III. Answer any six, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
- 23. Discuss the barriers in communication.
- 24. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper regarding the stray dog menace in your locality.
- 25. Draft a report on the Environment Day celebrations in your college.

- 26. Create a telephone conversation of ten exchanges between a bank manager and you regarding an educational loan for higher studies.
- 27. Review a movie you watched recently.
- 28. Write a paragraph on the topic 'The Influence of Social Media in Communication'.
- 29. Imagine you are the Student Editor of your college magazine. Prepare a speech to be delivered in a function on the release of the magazine.
- 30. Describe how the work of a renowned author inspired you and changed your perspective of life.
- 31. Examine the role of body language in communication.

- IV. Answer any two, each in about 300 words.
- 32. What is meant by oral communication and discuss its types.
- 33. Prepare a job application and CV for the post of an elementary school teacher position in a reputed school in Delhi.
- 34. Define career skills with special focus on group discussions and interviews.
- 35. Write an imaginary conversation between you and a fellow traveller regarding some travel-related topics and experiences.

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Fifth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, December 2023 First Degree Programme under CBCSS English Language and Literature Core Course – VI

EN 1541 : LITERATURE OF LATE 20TH CENTURY AND 21ST CENTURY (2020 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or sentence.
- 1. What was the traumatic experience that Denise Riley passed through in 2008?
- 2. Which character is never seen onstage in *The Homecoming*?
- 3. From which author did Maya Angelou borrowed the title of her poem?
- 4. Name two Afro-American women poets.
- 5. What job does Twyla do, eight years after she leaves the orphanage?
- 6. Which mode the digital work High Muck A Muck was created?
- 7. Who is the narrator of the short story Recitatif?
- 8. What is the title 'Ragtime'?
- 9. Who coined the word 'Hypertext'?
- 10. What is intertextuality?

- II. Answer any eight questions in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. What is Metafiction?
- 12. Chatterbox.
- 13. What do you mean by Dystopia?
- 14. Briefly explain Pastiche.
- 15. What are interactive texts?
- Write a short note on Insta poems.
- 17. Electracy and literacy.
- 18. How is life for immigrants in New York portrayed in Chapter 3 of Ragtime?
- 19. What does the orchard in Recitatif represent?
- 20. Explain Minimalism.
- 21. To whom is the narrator in "The Mother" speaking?
- 22. New Negro Movement.

- III. Answer any six questions in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
- 23. Comment on the music in high Muck a Muck: Playing Chinese.
- 24. Why do you think that Gwendolyn Brooks calls the poem "the mother" instead of abortions?
- 25. Whose homecoming is it in *The Homecoming?*
- 26. Maja Lunde leaves open the possibility of a way of life that values the collective over the individual. Share your observations.
- 27. Who is the narrator in the story 'Recitacif'?

- 28. Describe the features of digital literature.
- 29. Consider Ragtime as an example for historical fiction.
- 30. Loss of grasp Loss of Grasp is a narrative and interactive experience about the feeling of losing grasp. Share your observations.
- 31. Intertextuality in Along the Birny Beach this generative poem J.R. Carpenter.

- IV. Answer any two questions in 300 words.
- 32. "Abortions will not let you forget". How far does Gwendolyn Brooks successful in handling a complicated issue In *The Mother*?
- 33. Discuss Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming* as a social commentary on gender and class issues.
- 34. How do some of the main characters serve allegorical roles in *Ragtime*? What movements or social trends are they intended to represent?
- 35. African-American literature exists both inside and outside American literature. Substantiate with your own points.

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EN 1542: POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURES

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours , Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or a sentence
- 1. What does Lee Soparlo's father represent?
- 2. What does the hyena symbolise in Walcott's poem?
- 3. Why does the poet say that there is a mystery surrounding the Gooboora?
- 4. What is the focus of the single stories on Africa that the Western media promotes?
- 5. Name the two languages that Ezekiel Mphahlele see as the two common languages to fight the white oppressors?
- 6. Who are the well-dressed visitors that Antoinette meets on her return after her fight with Tia?
- 7. What habit of Grace Poole allows Antoinette to get hold of the keys to her room?
- 8. Name the popular rebellion that inspired Walcott's poem.

- 9. Where does Alamgir Hashmi visualise himself to stand?
- 10. Where did the coyote lose its old fur coat?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- II. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words:
- 11. What are 'single stories'?
- 12. Why does Gideon refuse to take the payment for healing Teddy?
- 13. How do the stolen children in the play attempt to maintain a connection to their Indigenous culture despite the challenges they face?
- 14. What is the significance of the line "Man a bow an' scrape, man a turn and twist" in the poem "Colonisation in Reverse"?
- 15. Significance of the title "Colonization in Reverse".
- 16. What is the meaning of the line "I who am poisoned with the blood of both"?
- 17. How, according to Thiongo, do the listeners recognise a good story teller?
- 18. What is Alamgir Hashmi view concerning the future of Pakistan?
- 19. What makes Christophine different from other black characters in the novel?
- 20. What is the central conflict in Ngugi's mind about language?
- 21. What is the relevance of the title, 'Indian Site on the Edge of the Tonita Pasture'?
- 22. What hope does the 'Night Rain' leave for the Africans?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

- III. Answer any six, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words
- 23. What personal experiences of Adichie are used to illustrate the dangers of having a single story?
- 24. Analyze the character development of Teddy as he grows up from a curious child to an adult.

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- 25. How does "Colonisation in Reverse" reflect the larger historical narrative of Caribbean migration to England during the postcolonial era?
- 26. Language becomes a means of communication and cultural identity in "Colonization in Reverse. Explain.
- 27. How does Octavia Paz bring out the Earth's natural beauty and energy?
- 28. Gooboora is a lament on the loss of a lifestyle. Explain.
- 29. Role of Ruby as culture hero in Harrison's play.
- 30. How does Silko make use of the Coyote to depict the white settler's politics?
- 31. The connection between the natural world and healing practices as depicted in 'No Witchcraft for Sale'.

- IV. Answer any two, each in about 300 words'
- 32. Discuss the long-term consequences of institutional racism on the stolen children and their families as depicted in Jane Harrison's play.
- 33. Attempt a reading of Native American, Native Canadian and Aboriginal Australian poems you studied as protest poems.
- 34. Critically examine Ngugi's views on language as seen in 'The Language of African Literature'.
- Examine Wide Sargasso Sea as an exploration of discrimination at the level of race and gender.

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Core Course - VIII

EN 1543 : 20TH CENTURY MALAYALAM LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION (2020 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all the questions; each in a word or sentence.
- 1. What does the sun do to the home of the poet in the poem "House Wife"?
- 2. Why did Koman fail to pay the fees of his son and buy medicines for his daughter?
- 3. What is the central theme of the poem "Advent"?
- 4. What is the job of Goorkha according to the poet?
- 5. What is the profession of the protagonist of the play "The Lone Tusker"?
- 6. What does the woman who sweeps the front yard long for?
- 7. What is the revelation got by the white rat in the poem "Snakes have Hallows"?
- 8. Bring out the allusion in the poem "Snake Have Hallow"?
- 9. What happened to the pond in the poem "Temple Bell"?
- 10. What is the name opted by Theithykutty when she becomes a freedom fighter? ($10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks}$)

- II. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraphs not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. Describe the conditions of the gopuram and sanctum in the poem "Temple Bell".
- 12. Comment on the aptness of comparing the forlorn bell to a "munikanyaka".
- 13. What is significant about the images of dog and owl in the poem "The Gorkha"?
- 14. Describe the character of Thankam Nair.
- 15. What do the winners of the game Pythagoras do?
- 16. How does K.K. Kochu deconstruct the official readings on social renaissance?
- 17. Describe the meeting between Vellayi appan and Hassankutty.
- 18. Significance aunt Mable's house with respect to the central theme of the work.
- 19. The language used in the novel "Pathumma's Goat"?
- 20. What does the poets do in the poem "the advent"?
- 21. Why did Priya feel that she is the most humiliated and disposed woman on earth?
- 22. Who reaped the golden grains that koran grew and why?

- III. Answer any six, each in a short paragraph of 100 words.
- 23. Discuss how the past and present are contrasted in the poem "Temple Bell".
- 24. How was the knowledge-based Buddhist-Jainist tradition defeated?
- 25. How does K. K. Kochu rejects the notion that Dalits were "eternal slaves"?
- 26. What made the God in the story "Preethabhashanam" literally dumfounded?
- 27. Depiction of nature in the story "After the Hanging'.

- 28. Differentiate Lokadharmi and Natyadharmi.
- 29. Comment on the end of the story "Fire" by Sithara S.
- 30. Discuss the theme of the poem Advent.
- 31. How does C Ayyapan portray the double marginalization of Dalit women in the story "Spectral Speech"?

- IV. Answer any two, each in about 300 words.
- 32. Lalithambika Antharjanam's novel "Fire, My witness" narrates the story of two women who rebel in different ways against the soul-destroying restrictions of the life laid down by their tradition. Elucidate.
- 33. Critically evaluate how modern Malayalam stories address the concerns of caste, class and gender.
- 34. Identify the major themes of "Pathumma's Goat" and explain how the novelist develop them.
- 35. How does Edasseri depict the rural agrarian crisis of Kerala in the poem "The Cooking Pot and the Sickle"?

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Core Course

EN 1544 : LINGUISTICS AND STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (2020 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or a sentence :
- 1. What is Phonetics?
- 2. Explain Langue.
- 3. What is the function of Air Stream Mechanism?
- 4. What are affixes?
- 5. Explain syntax.
- 6. What is IC analysis?
- 7. What are vocal cords?
- 8. What is creole?
- 9. What is a morpheme?
- 10. What is teeth ridge?

11. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraph, not exceeding 50 words. 11. Voiced and voiceless sounds. 12. Received Pronunciation. 13. Word Stress. 14. What is Compounding? 15. Lateral Sounds. 16. What are Plosives? 17. Vowels of English R.P. 18. Phonetic transcription 19. Difference between Affricates and Fricatives Organs involved in the Respiratory system. Cardinal vowels. 21. 22. Divisions of the part of the tongue based on the divisions of the roof of the mouth. $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$ III. Answer any six, each in a paragraph, not exceeding 120 words. 23. Assimilation and Elision. 24. Syllables. Word Stress and Sentence Stress. Affixation. 26. Intonation. 27. 28. Rhythm.

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- 29. What are the different methods for determining the IC's of a construction according to H.A. Gleason?
- 30. Write a short note on rewrite rules.
- 31. Explain the difference between form class and function class words.

- IV. Answer any two, in about 300 words.
- 32. Examine the consonant system of RP.
- 33. Write an essay on word formation techniques.
- 34. Attempt an essay on Organs of Speech.
- 35. Explain the limitations of IC Analysis.

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Core Course X

EN 1545 : CRITICISM AND THEORY

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- Answer all questions in a word or sentence.
- 'Of Grammatology is a work authored by ————
- 2. According to Aristotle, poetry is more philosophical than ———
- 3. Wordsworth justifies the use of metre and condemn the use of —
- 4. Which philosophical work by Plato discusses his theory of mimesis?
- 5. Who is the key figure associated with the "Art for Art's Sake' movement?
- 6. Who is the author of the essay titled "An Essay of Dramatic Poesy"?
- 7. What aspect of a literary work does Longinus believe can transport the audience to a higher state of mind?
- 8. What is the key concept in New Criticism that emphasizes close examination of a text's language and structure?
- 9. Who observed that "art may be said to approach the condition of science'.
- 10. What term is used to describe the idea that a work of literature should be considered as an autonomous, self-contained entity?

- II. Answer any eight from the following not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. Why did Plato consider art as deceptive?
- 12. How does renaissance influence neoclassical criticism in English?
- 13. Why did Dryden consider, clarity and precision as important in poetry?
- 14. Why does Johnson say that literary tradition needs to be respected?
- 15. Why did Wordsworth place great importance on memory in poetry?
- 16. According to Arnold, how does poetry help the cultural and moral development of readers?
- 17. What does 'Riti' refer to in Indian aesthetics?
- 18. How does contextual relevance become important in 'Auchitya'?
- 19. What is meant by the concept of 'organic unity' in New Criticism?
- 20. What is meant by the concept of 'Super ego'?
- 21. What was the focus of the first wave of feminism?
- 22. What is meant by the concept of 'literariness' in Russian formalism.

- III. Answer any six, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
- 23. Dryden's observations on the rules of drama.
- 24. Johnson's emphasis on reason and moral instruction in literature.
- 25. Pope's arguments on unity and coherence in poetry.
- 26. Wordsworth's arguments on usage of language of common people in poetry.
- 27. Arnold's notions of an ideal critic.

- 28. What is meant by the arbitrariness of a linguistic sign?
- 29. Differentiate between id and ego.
- 30. Eurocentrism
- 31. Autonomy of art.

- IV. Answer any two from the following in about 300 words.
- 32. Describe the evolution of Indian poetics and the contribution of various 'Sidhantas'
- Wordsworth's challenged the prevailing notions on poetic language during his time and his arguments democratized poetry-Discuss.
- 34. Feminism encompasses a wide range of concerns and objectives-Critically elaborate.
- 35. Modernism and postmodernism both represent significant shifts in art, literature, and culture–Critically elaborate.