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ENGLISH

( Honours Core )

Paper : ENG-HC-6026

( **Postcolonial Literatures** )

*Full Marks* : 80

*Time* : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following as directed :  $1 \times 10 = 10$

(a) What did Okonkwo bring home from his trip to Mbaino?

(b) Angela Vicario's father could not \_\_\_\_\_  
(talk/walk/see).

( Choose the correct option )

(c) Who is Paul Theoblo's wife?

(d) Why does Nana criticize the narrator's legs?

(e) In which book was Grace Ogot's story,  
*The Green Leaves* published first?

(f) What is the most important item in  
*Bride-Bride*?

(g) To which country did Pablo Neruda belong?

(h) A wind is ruffling the \_\_\_\_\_ pelt.  
( Fill in the blank )

(i) Who is the poet of the poem, *Wild Lemons*?

(j) What is the speciality of Kirhupfumia women?

2. Answer the following as directed :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

(a) How did the villagers feel about the coming of the locusts and what did they do about it?

(b) How does Nyagar die in the story, *The Green Leaves*?

(c) What do the words 'moubain' and 'cerise' mean in the poem, *Names*?

(d) That year I had \_\_\_\_\_ to go, I fell in \_\_\_\_\_.

( Fill in the blanks )

(e) Name the two sisters Vilie meets.

3. Answer any four from the following questions :  $5 \times 4 = 20$

(a) Write briefly on the theme of honour and its relation to the foretold death of Santiago.

(b) Why, according to the story of Aidoo, school is a waste for women? Comment.

(c) Write a short description of Arjie's life at Victoria Academy.

(d) Explain the following lines with reference to the context :

Solar stone, pure among the regions  
Of the world, Spain streaked  
With blood and metal, blue and victorious  
Proletarian Spain, ...

(e) Write briefly on how the Mau Mau Rebellion sets the context of the poem, *A Far Cry from Africa*.

(f) Justify the title of Easterine Kire's *When the River Sleeps*.

4. Answer the following questions :  $10 \times 4 = 40$

(a) "Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* depicts the changes of familial and religious values under cultural colonialism." Do you agree? Give a well-reasoned answer.

Or

Discuss the significance of the title of *A Collector of Treasures*.

- (b) Analyze the character of Nyagar in *The Green Leaves*.

Or

Examine Selvadurai's exploration of 'self' in his novel, *Funny Boy*.

- (c) How do you assess Pablo Neruda as a poet of love and reminiscence? Discuss by situating him in the postcolonial literary context.

Or

Do you think in Derek Walcott's poetry the spirit of decolonization is inextricably bound with the ideas of racism and acceptance of hybrid identity? Critically analyze.

- (d) Can we read David Malouf as a poet who focuses primarily on memory and nostalgia in his poetry? Examine in the context of the prescribed poems.

Or

Write a comprehensive note on the various facets of postcolonial literature citing examples from texts that you have read.

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