

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018**  
**I Year I Semester**  
**Core Major- Paper II**  
**INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max.marks :75**

**Section A** ( $10 \times 2 = 20$ ) Marks

Answer any **TEN** questions

1. What does the phrase, 'bullet holes' denote in Arun Kolatkars 'An Old Woman'?
2. Who are The Angrez' in Parthasarathy's Delhi?
3. Name the two Indian epics which according to Amartya Sen are used to reflect arguments and counter arguments.
4. What is the central theme of the essay 'The Politics of Failure'?
5. Why is Kamala murdered in the play 'Seven Steps around the Fire'?
6. How is Om transformed into a weak willed, spineless man by Ma in Padmanabhan's Harvest?
7. Give the name of the fictional Indian town mentioned in the novel 'Untouchable'.
8. Why is Kalyani punished by husband in Shashi Desh Pande's 'A Matter of Time'?
9. What is 'The Day I Stopped Drinking Milk' by Sudha Moorthy all about?
10. List out the two clues that help the readers to realize that the girl is blind in the short story, 'The Eyes are not Here'.
11. Write a Short note on Murali Das Melwani.
12. Who according to the poet Gieve Patel pollute Sourashtra Express?

**Section B** ( $5 \times 5 = 25$ ) Marks

Answer any **FIVE** questions

13. What is Tagore's prayer to God to transform Indians in his poem 'Where the Mind is without Fear'?
14. What are Swami Vivekananda's thoughts on the characteristics of a universal religion?
15. Present the plight of gender discrimination as portrayed in 'Seven steps around the Fire'.
16. Examine the theme of search for identity in the novel 'A Matter of Time'.
17. Sketch the character of Geetha, the domestic maid.

18. Narrate the circumstances that make Nissim Ezekiel say that living at home with the inner satisfaction is the biggest achievement of all.
19. Explain the theme of purchase and sale of human organ as presented in Manjula Padmanabhan's 'Harvest'.

**Section C** ( $3 \times 10 = 30$ ) Marks

Answer any **THREE** questions

20. Bring out the reminiscences of A.K. Ramanujan that you find in his 'Obituary'.
21. How does Jawaharlal Nehru pay his tribute to Mahatma Gandhi in his 'The Glory Has Departed'?
22. Attempt a critical review on 'Nagamandala' as a socio psychological study of Indian woman in the patriarchal society.
23. Comment on the theme of social alienation in 'Untouchable'.
24. How does R. K. Narayan prove that English is no longer a foreign language in his 'Fifteen Years'?

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