

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2020
II Year III Semester
Short Stories

Time : 3 Hours

Max.marks :75

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

Answer any **TEN** questions

1. Who is the protagonist in "A New Years Gift"?
2. What sort of person is "Toba Tek Singh"?
3. Who is the narrator in "Black Cat"?
4. When was "Child's Story" published?
5. How did Vikram want to spend the money if he wins a lottery?
6. What is the theme of "Sacrificial Egg"?
7. Why the banker was surprised to learn about the illiteracy of Foreman in "The Verger"?
8. What does the chapter four "Alice and the Liberal Party" exclusively deal about?
9. What is the plot of "Birthmark" by Nathaniel Hawthorne?
10. How did "The Bet" short Story is incorporated with literary techniques?
11. Does "Lottery" have a theme filled with moral ideas?
12. Why does Aminadab laugh when Georgiana is dying in "The Birthmark"?

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

Answer any **FIVE** questions

13. What reality about partition is established through the short story "Toba Tek Singh"?
14. Comment on the significant transformation in "Black Cat".
15. Give a brief note on the moral message propagated through "Lottery".
16. Describe the character of Verger.
17. Who were the people to bet in the short story "The Bet" and what were the terms and conditions?
18. Write a brief note on "Child's Story" as a traditional form of short story.
19. What sort of symbolism could be traced in the story "The Birthmark"?

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

Answer any **THREE** questions

20. How Toba Tek Singh appears to be sane being in an asylum? Discuss about his identity in detail.
21. Bring out the gothic elements and narrator psyche in "The Black Cat".
22. How "Sacrificial Eggs" portray the elements of Umuru culture.
23. Analyse the short story "The Verger" for its ironical element.
24. Comment on the two contrasting characters Aylmer and Aminadab in "The Birthmark".

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