

COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 5th Semester Examinations, 2022

ENGLISH

POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURES CORE-11

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any one question from the following:

 $15 \times 1 = 15$

- (a) Against Achebe's theme of Igbo cultural complexity is his theme of clashing cultures. Argue the above statement with respect to *Things Fall Apart*.
- (b) Discuss how Garcia Marquez has interwoven magic, fantasy, myth, and realism in One Hundred Years of Solitude.
- (c) Examine how "The Collector of Treasures" upholds the issues of oppression faced by women in African society.
- (d) How does Mamang Dai represent nature and life in the northeast of India in her poems?
- 2. Answer any one question from the following:

 $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (a) Masculinity is one of Okonkwo's obsessions in Things Fall Apart. Discuss.
- (b) Critically comment on the idea of solitude in One Hundred Years of Solitude.
- (c) Comment on the background of the poem "The Way Spain Was."
- 3. Answer any one question from the following:

 $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (a) What role does Obierika play in Things Fall Apart?
- (b) Comment on the significance of the mourning song at the end of "The Green Leaves".
- (c) Analyse the title of the poem "Names."
- 4. Answer any ten questions from the following:

 $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) What is the name of the first missionary who comes to Umuofia?
- (b) What is an ogbanje?
- (c) What is the name of the gypsy who brings the magnet and telescope to Macondo?
- (d) When Colonel Aureliano Buendia retires from the war, what does he spend his time making?
- (e) Why was Dikeledi Mokopi in prison?
- (f) What do the lemons signify in the poem "Wild Lemons"?
- (g) What do small towns always remind Mamang Dai?
- (h) What ritual did Nyagar perform after coming back from the pursuit of the thieves?
- (i) Who is the narrator of "The Girl Who Can"?
- (j) Who is Nyagar in "The Green Leaves"?
- (k) "The verse falls to the soul like dew to the pasture"— Where is the line taken from?
- (l) What does the poem "A Far Cry from Africa" refer to when it uses the term 'Kikuyu'?

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