

Seat No. : _____

M. A. Sem.-I
Dec. 2016
English – 103
(Indian Writing in English)

Time : 3 Hours

[Max. Marks : 70]

Instructions : (1) Mention clearly the options you attempt.
(2) All questions carry equal marks.

- 1 “If Anand concentrates on Contemporary Indian reality, Narayan dives deep into Indian tradition.” Assess the contribution of Mulkraj Anand and R. K. Narayan to the Indian English novel in the light of the above statement.

OR

Critically evaluate Krishna’s character in the novel *The English Teacher*.

- 2 Write a detailed note on Northrop Frye’s concept of ‘Myth’.

OR

Karnad’s *Yayati* is a writing of the classical myth in the modern context. Discuss.

- 3 Write short notes (any two)

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| (1) Cry the Peacock | (2) The God of Small Things |
| (3) Kanthapura | (4) Midnight’s Children. |

- 4 Choose the correct option for each of the following:

(1) R. K. Narayan’s novel ‘Swami and Friends’ and Anand’s ‘Untouchable’ were both published in the year _____

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| 1) 1935 | 2) 1936 | 3) 1945 | 4) 1946 |
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(2) Raja Rao wrote his first novel ‘Kanthapura’ when he was in _____

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| 1) Italy | 2) France | 3) England | 4) Germany |
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(3) Mulkraj Anand was born in _____

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| 1) Mysore | 2) Delhi | 3) Peshawar | 4) Lahore |
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(4) Narayan created history by creating an imaginary town _____, the locale of his fictitious world.

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| 1) Malgudi | 2) Nellore | 3) Wessex | 4) Telagudi |
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- (5) _____ is Krishna's daughter in the 'The English Teacher'.
- 1) Mira 2) Leela 3) Neela 4) Devyani
- (6) Karnad's Yayati is a play with _____ Acts
- 1) 4 2) 3 3) 5 4) 1
- (7) Karnad wrote his plays in _____ and later translated them into English.
- 1) Kannad 2) Tamil 3) Konkani 4) Marathi
- (8) Devyani was the daughter of _____
- 1) King Vrishaparva 2) Guru Brihaspati
3) Guru Shukracharya 4) Sage Vashishtha
- (9) _____ is the first play by Girish Karnad.
- 1) Tughlaq 2) Nagamandala 3) Yayati 4) None of these
- (10) Raja Rao's 'The Cat and Shakespeare' was published in _____
- 1) 1965 2) 1975 3) 1960 4) 1972
- (11) Frye was a _____ literary critic and theorist
- 1) English 2) German 3) French 4) Canadian
- (12) _____ is the wife of Puru.
- 1) Chitrlekha 2) Devyani 3) Sharmishtha 4) Swarnalata
- (13) According to Frye Myths are _____
- 1) Archetypes 2) Allusions 3) Acronyms 4) Allegories
- (14) Salman Rushdie won Booker Prize in 1981 for his _____
- 1) Midnight's Children 2) Satanic Verses
3) Mr. Sampath 4) None of these

5 Answer in brief :

- (1) Briefly sketch the character of Sushila
- (2) Why was Devyani angry with Sharmishtha ?
- (3) Enumerate the main themes of R K Narayan's Novels.
- (4) Who are Rahel and Estha ?
- (5) Who is Shukracharya and why did he curse yayati ?
- (6) Mention major novels of Mulkraj Anand.
- (7) Name the novel for which R K Narayan, Raja Rao and Anand all three got the Sahitya Akademi Award.