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B. A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2023

(2015, 2016 and 2017 Admissions Supplementary)

SEMESTER VI - CORE COURSE (ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES) CE6B19TB - CULTURAL STUDIES: MYTHS, LEGENDS & INDIGENOUS WRITING

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 80

Part A

I. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark

(6x1=6)

- 1. Who was Re?
- 2. What was the primordial water called according to Egyptian mythology?
- 3. Why is Persephone unable to return to her mother?
- 4. What is unique about Jason's ship?
- 5. Who is the Allfather figure in Norse mythology?
- 6. What is the role of the Buddhist monk in the legend of the White Snake?

Part B

II. Answer any Seven questions. Each question carries 2 marks

(7x2=14)

- 7. What does Bunjil say to the first man and woman?
- 8. How is Sekhmet's anger quenched?
- 9. What does Chief Seattle say about his God?
- 10. How do the boys Romulus and Remus make their way to the shepherd?
- 11. Why does Numitor stagger backward when he sees the boys, Romulus and Remus?
- 12. What does Demeter do when she cannot find her daughter?
- 13. What is the collective unconscious?
- 14. List at least two contemporary reworkings/adaptations of Norse myths.
- 15. What is the mythical explanation of the presence of Ganga in the matted hair of Lord Shiva?
- 16. How did Tyr lose his hand?

Part C

III. Answer any Five questions. Each question carries 6 marks

(5x6=30)

- 17. Explain the creation of the first man and woman according to the Bunjil myth.
- 18. How does death come to human beings according to the myth of Baiame?
- 19. What were the conditions that Chief Seattle put forth?
- 20. Explain the events at Colchis in the myth of Jason and the Argonauts.
- 21. Explain Actaeon's transformation.
- 22. Who is Hel? Describe her palace.
- 23. Comment on the friendship between Lady White and Blue.
- 24. How does the Norse myth contribute to the archetype of the big bad wolf?

Part D

IV. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks

(2x15=30)

- 25. Discuss the features of myths with reference to any myth told in your region.
- 26. Discuss the significance of the divine act of naming with examples from myths around the world.
- 27. Explore Jason's quest to procure the Golden Fleece.
- 28. Analyse The Legend of the White Snake as a story of love and devotion.