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# MASTER'S DEGREE (C.S.S) EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2024 2022 ADMISSIONS SUPPLEMENTARY (SAY) SEMESTER III - CORE COURSE ENGLISH EN3C11TM21 - Reading India

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Weight: 30

### Part A

# I. Answer any Eight questions. Each question carries 1 weight

(8x1=8)

- 1. Describe the division of Indian history designed by the European Orientalists.
- 2. Describe the celebration of fluid identities in the contemporary western forms of literature.
- 3. Discuss why Ezekiel declares that people understand Mother Theresa.
- 4. Explain why "An Indian Love Song" is different from ordinary love poems.
- 5. Analyse the character of Bharati in Dattani's play.
- 6. Trace the origin of the myth of Yavakri.
- 7. Discuss satire in The Great Indian Novel.
- 8. Establish Saleem as an unreliable narrator.
- 9. Discuss the portrayal of womanhood in Sugandhi Alias Andal Devanayaki.
- 10. Discuss the importance of Putta's role as a focalizer in Samskara.

### Part B

## II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 2 weight

(6x2=12)

- 11. Analyse the conflict between language and culture in the Indian context.
- 12. Define the new 'third world cosmopolitans'.
- 13. Explain the kind of knowledge that is required to be accepted in modern society according to Ezekiel.
- 14. Explain the line "And you, uneasy orphan of their racial memories" from the poem "Minority Poem."
- 15. Analyse the family as a microcosm of society in Dattani's play.
- 16. Examine the fundamental differences between the Brahmanical and Tribal social orders in *The Fire and The Rain*.
- 17. Examine Narayan's conception of the hero, with reference to The Guide.
- 18. Analyze the construction of ideal womanhood in Anandamath.

### Part C

# III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 5 weight

(2x5=10)

- 19. Analyse "Where the Mind is Without fear" as a critique of the social ills that plague Indian society.
- 20. Analyse the issues of class and community as a clash between traditional and modern lifestyles and values in the play *Tara*.
- 21. Examine the re-presentation of India in Rushdie's Midnight's Children and Ghosh's The Shadow Lines.
- 22. Explain the nationalistic consciousness in Bankim Chandra Chatterjee's Anandamath.

