

Third Semester MA English (Private Registration)

Multiple Choice Questions

EN010301: Reading India

- 1) The Foreword of which novel written by Raja Rao is mentioned by Meenakshi Mukherjee?
A) *The Serpent and the Rope* B) *Kanthapura*
C) *Comrade Kirillov* D) *The Cat and Shakespeare: A Tale of India*
- 2) Which term is used by Meenakshi Mukherjee to refer the modern languages of India other than English?
A) Indian languages B) Vernacular languages
C) Bhasha D) Regional languages
- 3) Who created the fictional town Malgudi?
A. Raja Rao B) Mulk Raj Anand
C) R.K. Narayan D) G.V. Desani
- 4) What is the common ground shared by the writers who began their careers in 1930s?
A. An unspoken faith in a distillable Indian reality B) Celebration of the plenitude of India
C) Portrayal of Hindu upper-caste pan-India D) The notion of fragmented India
- 5) The sudden profusion, liveliness and visibility of the new Indian fiction in English in the 1980s can be traced back to the success of one seminal novel. Name the novel.
A) *The God of Small Things* B) *Shadow Lines*
C) *Midnight's Children* D) *A Suitable Boy*
- 6) Name the new category of novelists proposed by Timothy Brennan in 1989.
A. Postcolonial writers b) Diasporic writers
C) Oriental writers D) Third world cosmopolitans

7) Which literary term popularized by Goethe is connected to the strong perception that the literary experience is perhaps universal?
A) Weltliteratur B) Sturm und Drang
C) Veloziferisch D) Bildung

8) According to P.P. Raveendran, during which century Indian literature as a theoretical category was constituted?
A) 18 th century B) 20 th century
C) 17 th century D) 19 th century

9) Which language was given importance by Western Indologists while translating texts from Indian languages?
A) Pali B) Sanskrit
C) Kannada D) Hindi

10) What is the name of the journal published by Sahitya Akademi?
A) *Indian Literature* B) *Literature in India*
C) *Literatures of India* D) *Bhasha Darpan*

11) In which year Edward Said's path-breaking text *Orientalism* was published?
A) 1978 B) 1972
C) 1976 D) 1974

12) Name the tradition of Indian writing that threw up patterns of feeling and thinking that have affected the entire literature in the subcontinent.
A) Mahakavya tradition B) Bhakti tradition
C) Sthalapurana D) Folk tale

13) *Jatakatathas* are part of the literature of which language?
A) Sanskrit B) Pali
C) Paisachi D) Prakrit

14) In which year Lord Macaulay presented his "Minute on Education"?
A) 1835 B) 1833

C)1835 D) 1834

15) Which among the following is one of the traits of Indians according to A.K. Ramanujan?

- A) Melancholy B) Scientific temper
- C) Inconsistency D) Fanaticism

16) Which term was alternately used in Tamil for the word "karma"?

- A)Karpu B) Talaividi
- C) Dharmam D) Arul

17) Who lacks universality according to A.K. Ramanujan?

- A)Sigmund Freud B) Manu
- C) Immanuel Kant D) Vyasa

18) Which among the following is an anti- contextual notion?

- A)Kama B) Artha
- C) Dharma D) Bhakthi

19) What happens when a society moves from context - sensitive to context- free?

- A)Erosion of contexts B) Context- inclusiveness
- C) Particularism D) Addition of contexts

20) Which language is borrowed into Indian contexts in order to fit into the Sanskrit slot?

- A) Persian B) Urdu
- C)Hindi D) English

21. What is compared to a huge python in “Our Casuarina tree”?

- A. Creeper B. a rope C. a baboon D. a scarf

22. Identify the figure of speech used in the line, “Like a huge Python, winding round and round”.

- A. Metaphor B. simile C. metonymy D. antithesis

23. "I saw thee, in my own loved native clime". What does "thee" refer to?

- A. Birds B. Casuarina tree C. Flowers
D. Bees

24. Who among the following is the author of the poem, "An Indian Love Song"

- A. Kamala Das B. Toru Dutt C. Nissim Ezekiel
D. Sarojini Naidu

25. To whom is the poem "The Old Playhouse" addressed to?

- A. Poetess' friend B. Poetess' husband C. Memories
D. Childhood

26. Who among the following can be referred to as a confessional poet

- A. Nissim Ezekiel B. Jayanta Mahapatra C. Kamala Das
D. Tagore

27. Whom does the poet remembers in the poem, "Muliebrity"

- A. old woman B. girl C. man
D. boy

28. What does the word, 'muliebrity' mean?

- A. roughness B. womanhood C. irregularity
D. weakness

29. Who among the following is the author of the poem, "Muliebrity"

- A. Ranjit Hosekote B. Nissim Ezekiel C. Sujata Bhatt
D. C. P. Surendran

30. What does Syed Amanuddin refer to as a 'hotchpotch of culture',

- A. Indo- Anglian identity B. Relationships C. Memories
D. Childhood

31. Which is the hometown that the poet nostalgically recollects in the poem, “don’t call me indo-anglian’ .

- A. Calcutta B. Amaravati C. Mysore
D. Vijayawada

32. Syed Amanuddin in his poem “don’t call me indo-anglian’ says he could “go on a spiritual journey” with which of the following poets?

- A. Kalidasa B. Li Po C. Dante
D. Kabir

33. According to Tagore, 'narrow domestic walls' refers to:

- A. Small houses with narrow walls B. A house divided
into rooms by walls. C Narrow minded
thinking. D. Broad minded thinking

34. In the line, ‘Where the mind is led forward by thee; the word 'thee' refers to:

- A. Father B Poet. C God.
D. You

35. The phrase ‘blessed sleep’ in the poem “Our Casuarina Tree” refers to _____.

- A. Sleep B. Dream C. Death
D. Life

36. Tagore compares a clear stream to:

- A. Dreary desert sand B Reason. C Dead habit.
D. Narrow domestic walls

37. Tagore’s “The Child” is divided into ____ parts.

- A. 11 B. 5 C. 9 D. 10

38. In the beginning of the poem “The Old Playhouse”, the poet compares herself to a _____.

- A. Swan B. Swallow C. Heron D.
Squirrel

39. Who wrote the introduction to Gitanjali?

- A. Jibananda Das. B Nehru. C.
W.B.Yeats. D. T.S.Eliot

40. What is the meaning of the word Gitanjali?

- A. Mantra chanting B. Song offerings C. Romantic
songs D. Melodies

41) *The Fire and the Rain* is based on which myth in Mahabharata

- A) Vanaparva B) Adiparva
C)Virataparva D)Udyogaparva

42) *The Fire and the Rain* was originally written in

- A)Sanskrit B) Tamil
C)Telugu D)Kannada

43) Whom did the King select for the fire sacrifice to end the drought

- A) Bharadwaja B) Raibhya
C)Parvasu D)Yavakri

44) Who is Nitali?

- A) A brahmin lady B) An actor
C) A tribal girl D) None of the above

45) Yavakri uses Vishaka to

- A) Perform the fire sacrifice B) kill Arvasu
C) get the blessings of Lord Indra D) take revenge of his father's
death

46) *The Fire and the Rain* opens with

- A) An elaborate yajna B) Drought
C) Death of Yavakri D) Creation of the demon, Kritya

47) “Every Brahmin on the face of this earth wants to gain spiritual powers. But few succeed.” These are the words of....

- A)Yavakri B)Paravasu
C)Andhaka D)Bharadwaja

48) *Tara* is a..... act play.

- A) One B) Two
C) Three D) Four

49) The prominent theme discussed in *Tara* is.....

- A) Alienation B) Existential angst
C) Sibling rivalry D) Gender discrimination

50) In which hospital was the surgery of the conjoined twins conducted?

- A) Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital B) S. L. Rahya Hospital
C) Fortis Hospital D)Nanavati Hospital

51) To whom did Bharathi plead to become Tara’s best friend?

- A. Nalini B) Roopa
C)Deepa D)Prema

52) Which movie does Roopa want to see inspite of being disapproved of by Prema's mother?

- A. Fatal Secret B) Fatal Temptation
C)Fatal Attraction D) Fatal Sin

53) To which country Mr Patel wants to send Chandra for his higher studies?

- A. Germany B) Australia
- C) England D) America

54) Which year *Tara* was published?

- A. 1992 B) 1990
- C) 1999 D) 1998

55) Who was involved in the conspiracy of Tara's unfair separation from Chandran

- A. Mother B) Father
- C) Uncle D) Brother

56) *The Fire and the Rain* is published on

- A. 1995 B) 1998
- C) 1992 D) 1996

57) Who is the author of *A Man in Dark Times*?

- A) G. P. Deshpande B) Shashi Deshpande
- C) Gauri Deshpande C) Sudhanva Deshpande

58) The major protagonist of *A Man in Dark Times* is

- A. Shridhar Vishwanth Kulkarni B) Dhawal Kulkarni
- B. Jambhekar D) Velankar

59) *A Man in Dark Time* is

- A. An absurd play B) A discussion play
- C. kitchen-sink drama D) A closet drama

60) The first playwright in English to be awarded the Sahitya Academy award

A. Mahesh Dattani B) Girish Karnad

C) Vijay Tendulkar D) Badal Sirkar

61) Which novel is divided into two sections 61) Which novel is divided into two sections named 'Going Away' and 'Coming Home'?

A) God of Small Things B) The Shadow Lines

C) The Guide D) Midnight's Children

62) Which village in Kerala is the setting for Arundhati Roy's God of Small Things ?

A) Ponkunnam B) Chembu

C) Aymanam D) Vaikom

63) Midnight's Children was published in

A) 1988 B) 1981

C) 1982 D) 1984

64) What is the name of Raju's love interest?

A) Geetha B) Lily

C) Rosie D) Daisy

65) How many midnight's children are there initially?

A) 101 B) 100

C) 1000 D) 1001

66) The two villages in the novel The Guide are

A) Malgudi and Madras B) Madurai and Malgudi

C) Mangal and Malgudi D) Mangal and Madurai

67) What happens to Velutha?

A) He dies in jail B) He suicides

C) He was missing D) He became insane

68) In what city was the narrator of The Shadow Lines born?

A) Delhi B) Calcutta

C) Agra D) Mumbai

69) Who is Saleem's biological father?

A) William Methwold B) Ahmed

C) Wee Willie Winkie D) David

70) Who sexually abuses Estha?

A) Her neighbour B) The Orangedrink Lemondrink Man

C) Velutha D) Police officer

71) Which character is killed by a rioting mob?

A) Tridib B) Nick

C) Ila D) May

72) In 1993, the "Booker of Bookers" prize was awarded to

A) God of Small Things B) Midnight's Children

C) The Satanic Verses D) The Guide

73) How were the characters Estha and Rahel related?

A) They were cousins B) They were friends

C) They were twins D) They were classmates

74) What was built in Malgudi?

A) Museum B) Railway Station

C) Hospital D) College

75) Who is Saleem's faithful listener?

A) Shiva B) Mary

C) Padma D) Parvati

76) Who falls in love with Father Mulligan?

A) Ammu B) Baby Kochamma

C) Margaret D) Rahel

77) Ila's mother is jokingly referred to as

A) Queen Elizabeth B) Rani Laxmi

C) Queen Victoria D) Jhansi Rani

78) Which book won the Booker Prize in 1997?

A) Midnight's Children B) The Stranger

C) God of Small Things D) A Suitable Boy

79) Who is Marco?

A) Tourist Guide B) Doctor

C) Teacher D) Archaeologist

80) What is the relationship between Tridib and the narrator ?

A) Father- son B) Friends

C) Uncle -Nephew D)Teacher-student

81. Who is the author of the novel *Samskara*?

A. Girish Karnad

B. U.R Ananthamurthy

C. Sharan Kumar Limbale.

D. Amitav Ghosh

82. Samskara was originally written in which language?
A. Marathi
B. Telugu
C. Malayalam
D. Kannada
83. Who informs Praneshacharya about Naranappa's death?
A. Chandri
B. Bhagirathi
C. Garudacharya
D. Lakshmanacharya
84. What is the name of Praneshacharya's wife?
A. Anasuya
B. Chandri
C. Bhagirathi
D. Sitadevi
85. What is the name of the agrahara where Praneshacharya and Naranappa lived?
A. Parijatapura
B. Dhramapura
C. Srivalsapura
D. Durvasapura
86. Who is the author of *Akkarmashi*?
A. Sharankumar Limbale
B. Salman Rushdie.
C. Anand
D. Amitav Ghosh
87. Novel *Ananda Math* is set during which Incident?
A. Bengal Famine
B. First war Indian Independence
C. Bhakti Movement
D. Foundation of Indian National Congress.
88. Name of the couple who are the major characters in the novel *Ananda Math*?
A. Kumar and Lalitha
B. Ravi and Yamuna
C. Mahendra and Kalyani
D. Jaganath and Lakshmi
89. Name the hamlet/village in which the couple gets trapped without food and water in the novel *Ananda Math*?
A. Pradeshika
B. Prajatipura
C. Pranasthal
D. Padachinha

90. Who translated Sharan Kumar Limbale's *Akkarmashi* into English language?

- A. Anita Nair
B. Arunava Sinha
C. Santhosh Bhoomkar
D. Jerry Pinto

91. *Akkarmashi* was published in which year?

- A. 1982
B. 1984
C. 1980
D. 1981

92. Sharan Kumar Limbale's mother belongs to which caste?

- A. Mahar
B. Bhandari
C. Agri
D. Bhoi

93. In which of the following novels does the song "Vande Matharam" appear?

- A. *Akkarmashi*
B. *Anandmath*
C. *Vyasa and Vigneswara*
D. *Samskara*

94. Identify the names of two parts into which Anand's novel *Vyasa and Vigneswara* is divided?

- A. Bhootha and Varthamana
B. Rithu and Kalam
C. Kriti and Kalam
D. Man and World

95. *Vyasa and Vigneswara* was published in which year?

- A. 2001
B. 2003
C. 2000
D. 1999

96. Identify the name of the purana which Anand mentions in the first part of his novel *Vyasa and Vigneswara*.

- A. Nishadpurana
B. Bhagavata
C. Shivapurana
D. Padmapurana

97. Which of the following novels mentions the character 'Ambapali' from Vardhamanan's *Nagaravadhu*?

- A. *Samskara*
B. *Hangwoman*
C. *Vyasa and Vigneswara*
D. *Anandmath*

98. In Akkarmashi, Limbale compares the life of Dalits to what?

- A. Dustbins
B. Leftover food
C. Door mat
D. Bus tickets.

99. What is the title of the English translation of the work *Akkarmashi*?

- A. The Downtrodden
B. The Outcaste
C. The Oppressed
D. The Untouchables

100. The novel *Vyasa and Vigneswara* was originally written in which language?

- A. Marathi
B. Sanskrit
C. Tamil
D. Kannada.

Answer Key

1. B
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