

## **Third Semester MA English (Private Registration)**

### **Multiple Choice Questions**

#### **EN010304: Literature and Gender**

1. Name the three phases of women's writing according to Elaine Showalter.
  - A. Feminine, Feminist and Womanist
  - B. Female, Feminist and Femme
  - C. Feminine, Feminist and Female
  - D. Femme, Feminine and Feminist
  
2. Who is the author of the book *A Material of Their Own*?
  - A. Germaine Greer
  - B. Elaine Showalter
  - C. Jean Webster
  - D. Kate Millet
  
3. The adoption of male pseudonyms by female authors signals through role playing.
  - A. Loss of identity
  - B. Loss of pride
  - C. Discreetness
  - D. Loss of Innocence
  
4. What was the Victorian concept of an ideal woman?
  - A. A Saint in Sanctorum
  - B. Femme Fatale
  - C. Angel inside the House
  - D. Nurturing Beauty
  
5. In which book is splitting of the self manifested?
  - A. Jane Eyre
  - B. Silas Marner
  - C. Tess of the D'Urbervilles
  - D. Wuthering Heights
  
6. Name the novel in which Maggie appears.

- A. Pride and Prejudice
- B. Mill on the Floss
- C. Sense and Sensibility
- D. Pamela

7. What is the span of the Feminist phase?

- A. 1860-1880
- B. 1880-1900
- C. 1880-1920
- D. 1890-1920

8. What is the coinage of Patricia Hill Collins that describes the experience of black women?

- A. Woman identified woman
- B. Outsider-within
- C. Insider outside
- D. Out of place

9. What should be reclaimed according to Collins for intellectual activism?

- a) Black feminist intellectual traditions
- b) Black narratives
- c) Tribal retelling of identity
- d) Feminist blackness

10. The structural organization of intersections of oppression is referred to as .

- A. Matrix of dominion
- B. Matrix of Domination
- C. Matrix of Subjugation
- D. Matrix of Suppression

11. The negative stereotypical representations of black women is called .

- A. Controlling images
- B. Dark Pictures
- C. Unknown blackness
- D. Misrepresentations of blackness

12. Which character is used to defeminize black women?

- A. Jasmine
- B. Moana
- C. The mammy
- D. Aunty Doris

13. What is self definition according to Patricia Hill Collins?

- A. The power to name one's own reality
- B. The power to define black femininity
- C. The ability to transcend racial identity
- D. The power to act upon reality

14. What is the journey from internalized oppression to the free mind is called?

- A. Self-reliance
- B. Empowered black self
- C. Self-definition
- D. Breaking the Manacles

15. Name the films taken by Jeffords as examples of the celebration of war masculinity.

i) Platoon

ii) Troy

- A. i
- B. ii
- C. i and ii
- D. Neither

16. What is the focus of Vietnam War movies according to Jeffords?

- A. Patriotism and Patriarchy
- B. Destabilization of masculinity
- C. Aggressive masochism
- D. War time gender ethos

17. What is the direction of the movement of power according to Jeffords?

- A. From the President to the Governors
- B. From father to son
- C. From the Patriarch to the tribe
- D. From the President to the Senate

18. What causes the narrative tension in war movies?

- A. Fear of a woman or a colored person usurping power
- B. Fear of the unknown
- C. Patriarchal power being eliminated
- D. Fear of failure

19. How do the combat scenes work in war movies?
- A. To reestablish the threatened masculine identity
  - B. To ensure American supremacy
  - C. To flourish neo- imperialism
  - D. To bring back gender roles of hunter and gatherer
- 20) Identify the movie critiqued by Jeffords in the essay.
- A. Rambo
  - B. Top Gun
  - C. Commando
  - D. Black Rain
21. What kind of poem is Ode to Aphrodite?
- A. Epic
  - B. Mock Heroic Epic
  - C. Lyric
  - D. All of the above
22. According to Avviyar, real food is what you consume when you are totally
- A. Powerful
  - B. Liberated
  - C. Successful
  - D. Helpless
23. \_\_\_\_\_ is that which places you in the state of Deathlessness.
- A. Real vision
  - B. Real valour
  - C. Real learning
  - D. Real food
24. Akkamahadevi is associated with \_\_\_\_\_ movement of the 12th century Karnataka
- A. Vira Saiva
  - B. Vaishnava
  - C. Vijayanagara
  - D. Hoysala
25. How does the poet describe her lord's feet?
- A. Tender as jasmine
  - B. White as jasmine
  - C. Fragrant as jasmine
  - D. All of the above
26. How does the speaker identify her homeland in the poem "On Being Brought from Africa to America"?
- A. Sunny
  - B. Pagan
  - C. Far away
  - D. By checking its ID
27. What type of rhyme does the speaker use in the poem?
- A. End rhyme

- B. Internal rhyme
  - C. Slant rhyme
  - D. Here and there
28. "You think I'm not a goddess? Try me." is a line from the poem
- A. Purdah
  - B. Princess in Exile
  - C. Helen of Troy does Countertop Dancing
  - D. None of the above
29. Which among the following is the theme of the poem "Helen of Troy does Countertop Dancing"?
- A. Empowerment
  - B. Objectification
  - C. Feminist Resistance
  - D. All of the above
30. "An Introduction" by Kamala Das is a
- A. Feminist Poem
  - B. Autobiographical Poem
  - C. Confessional Poem
  - D. All of the above
31. What did the categoriser/ society advise the poetess?
- A. To study
  - B. To wear saree
  - C. To cry and laugh loudly
  - D. To talk freely
32. What is the girl carrying between the thighs in the poem Purdah?
- A. Stigma
  - B. A Sense of Sin
  - C. Virtue
  - D. Chastity
33. How does the Pardah symbolize in the poem?
- A. Attire of modesty
  - B. Security
  - C. Patriarchal mechanism
  - D. None of the above
34. Theme of the poem "Things Cheaply Had"
- A. Typification of ladies
  - B. Women as commodities
  - C. Interest of women to cheap things
  - D. All of the above
35. Who the author of the poem "Things Cheaply Had"?
- A. Imtaiz Dharker
  - B. Kishwar Nahee
  - C. Taslima Nasrin
  - D. Meena Kandaswami
36. In the poem "The Grass is Really Like Me", the poet is associating herself with the grass because
- A. Both are suppressed by the powerful

- B. Grass gives her warmth
  - C. Poet behaves like grass
  - D. Grass is gentle and smooth
37. According to Meena Kandaswamy, the modern woman is described as .
- A. Educated
  - B. Adept at walkouts
  - C. Aggressive
  - D. None of the above
38. What is/are predominant theme/themes in the poems of Meena Kandasamy?
- A. Sexuality
  - B. political agendas
  - C. gender oppression
  - D. All of the above
39. Alexander's "Illiterate Heart" is work
- A. Confessional
  - B. Autobiographica
  - C. Critical
  - D. None of the above
40. What is/are the major theme/themes of the works of Meena Alexander?
- A. Identity
  - B. Memory
  - C. Migration
  - D. All of the above
41. What is the word that Lenny uses to describe the way people of different religious groups begin seeing each other?
- A. Token
  - B. Themselve
  - C. Stereotypes
  - D. Coins
42. Which of the following does Ice-candy-man NOT sell?
- A. Popsicles
  - B. Fertility Pills
  - C. Knives
  - D. Birds
43. Which poet is quoted throughout the novel?
- A. Faiz Ahamad Faiz
  - B. Muhammad Iqbal
  - C. Ghalib
  - D. Mustafa Zaidi
44. Rosy and Peter are
- A. British

- B. Anglo - Indian
- C. Half Indian and Half American
- D. Parsi

45. What does Ice-candy-man do at the end of the book?

- A. Return to Pakistan
- B. Get Married
- C. Follow Ayah into India
- D. Kill Himself

46. To what does the title of The Bell Jar refer?

- A. The jars containing fetuses at Buddy Willard's medical school
- B. The jar containing the sleeping pills with which Esther tries to kill herself
- C. Esther's feeling that her madness distorts and separates her from the outside world
- D. The private mental hospital where Esther resides

47. How does Esther know Joan before they meet again at the mental hospital?

- A. Joan was one of Esther's friends in New York
- B. Esther was supposed to live with Joan while taking a writing course
- C. Joan was Esther's lover
- D. Joan was from Esther's hometown and a year ahead of her in college

48. Why does Esther become violently ill after the magazine banquet?

- A. She suffers from food poisoning
- B. She ate too much caviar
- C. She is disgusted at the life she is living
- D. She is upset by the Rosenbergs' execution

49. During what era does The Bell Jar take place?

- A. The late 1940s
- B. The early 1970s
- C. The early 1950s
- D. The early 1960s

50. What does the fig tree symbolize for Esther?

- A. The tree of knowledge
- B. All of life's bewildering choices
- C. Her desire to become a nun
- D. A fantasy wedding with Buddy

51. In what context is the color purple mentioned in the novel?

- A. It is the color of Squeak's stage dress
- B. Shug tells Celie that the color purple signifies strength and power
- C. Celie writes that the color purple is one of God's creations and wonders where it comes from
- D. Celie uses only purple thread in her clothing business

52. Why does Harpo gain weight?

- A. He develops a sweet tooth and overeats
- B. His medicine has a side effect of weight gain
- C. He wants to get bigger so he can beat up Sofia
- D. He drinks too much at his new club

53. Why does Sofia get into trouble with the mayor?

- A. She pickets outside city hall
- B. She sasses the mayor's wife
- C. The mayor mistakes Sofia for a well-known criminal
- D. She is caught shoplifting food for her family

54. How does Shug suggest Celie reimagine God?

- A. As a white, bearded man
- B. As a black, bearded man
- C. As the color purple
- D. As an "it"

55. Who convinces Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ that Celie needs new clothes?

- A. His sister, Kate
- B. His son, Harpo
- C. His lover, Shug
- D. His wife, Celie

56. Clarissa's old friend, Louis, has spent five years teaching in which city?

- A. Boston
- B. San Francisco
- C. Chicago
- D. Miami

57. On a whim, Virginia Woolf attempts to board a train to which of these locations?

- A. New York
- B. Brussels
- C. Paris
- D. London

58. Laura leaves Los Angeles after attempting suicide and moves to which city?

- A. Vancouver
- B. New York City
- C. Toronto
- D. Boston

59. Richard claims that which of these resulted in his own failures in life?

- A. Pride
- B. Fear
- C. Sloth
- D. Money

60. What is the name of Virginia Woolf's servant?

- A. Vanessa
- B. Nelly
- C. Barbara
- D. Laura

61. In which language does the novel *The Truth About Me: A Hijra Life Story* is originally written in?

- A. Telugu
- B. Kannada
- C. Tamil
- D. Bengali

62. What is Maya Angelou's birth name?

- A. Margaret Ann Johnson
- B. Mary Ann Johnson
- C. Marguerite Ann Johnson
- D. Maya Ann Johnson

63. Who is Doraisamy?

- A. Revathi's brother
- B. Revathi's father
- C. Revathi's baptized name
- D. Revathi's neighbour

64. Why did Maya and Bailey's parents send them to Stamps, Arkansas?

- A. They had to move to St. Louis.
- B. They had financial troubles.
- C. Their grandmother needed company.

D. They got divorced.

65. What does Walter's employer call to say?

- A. That Walter is getting a raise
- B. That Walter must come in earlier
- C. That Walter cannot have the vacation they discussed
- D. That Walter has not been to work for three days

66. Why does Uncle Willie hide in the potato bin?

- A. Because he's crippled.
- B. Because the police think he's a suspect in a crime.
- C. Because there's a white lynch mob out looking for scapegoats.
- D. Because he's afraid of ghosts

67. Why do Ruth and Mama approve of George Murchison?

- A. Because he is handsome and wealthy.
- B. Because he is politically active.
- C. Because he takes Beneatha to the theater.
- D. Because he dresses well.

68. How does Vivian make a living?

- A. By working in gambling parlors
- B. By working in hospitals
- C. By working as a streetcar conductor
- D. By working as a waitress

69. How did the author meet Okoloma?

- A. They grew up on the same street.
- B. They met in a travel.
- C. They were classmates.
- D. They were colleagues.

70. What does Maya think Florida's corpse looks like?

- A. A wax figure
- B. A china doll
- C. A mud sculpture
- D. A skeleton

71. What does Travis do to make money?

- A. He begs on the street.
- B. He carries bags at the grocery store.

- C. He has a paper route.
- D. He does chores around their apartment.

72. Which hymn does Maya say is popularly known as the Negro National Anthem?

- A. Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing
- B. Amazing Grace
- C. Swing Low Sweet Chariot
- D. We Shall Overcome

73. Which of the following is considered as the hall-mark of the third wave feminism?

- A. Equality
- B. Freedom
- C. Pop-Culture
- D. Gender

74. How is Willie different from the other young, black men of Stamps?

- A. He is married.
- B. He is handicapped.
- C. He is dumb.
- D. He lives alone.

75. "Control of the media is the single most important issue of our time." Who said this?

- A. Michigan Womyn
- B. Emi Koyama
- C. Jennifer Pozner
- D. Rebecca Walker

76. Who coined the word "Grrrl" ?

- A. Andrea Dworkin
- B. Barbara Smith
- C. Leslie Heywood
- D. Kathleen Hanna

77. Where does the play A Raisin in the Sun set?

- A. In a quiet house in a Chicago suburb.
- B. In a boarding house in New York City.
- C. In an apartment in a small town in Illinois.
- D. In a small apartment in Chicago's Southside.

78. Who first calls Adichie a feminist?

- A. Journalist
- B. Okoloma
- C. Scientist
- D. Dentist

79. Where does Travis sleep?

- A. In the curtained alcove
- B. On the fire escape
- C. In the living room
- D. In a bedroom off the hall

80. Why is it said that both men and women should learn to cook?

- A. It's the right thing to do.
- B. It's the Catholic thing to do.
- C. We should all be equipped with the important skill of feeding ourselves.
- D. It will stop all the complaining.

81. Pratikaara devata was a real life character, one who gone through the ordeal of

- A. Kalyanavarshi
- B. Vedasara
- C. Smarta Vichara
- D. Manikarnikashtakam

82. Pratikaaradevata is portrayed as the

- A. Goddess of Anger
- B. Goddess of Light
- C. Goddess of Revenge
- D. Goddess of Femininity

83. Mira – an image of

- A. Comfort
- B. Revenge
- C. Agony
- D. Pleasure

84. Who said the line “This one has no parallel in the world. That is exactly why I lay it aside in moth balls. Can you ever replace it”?

- A. Shakuntala
- B. Mira
- C. Nirmala
- D. Tathrikutty

85. Where is Sultana from?

- A. Bombay
- B. Calcutta
- C. Nepal
- D. Bangladesh

86. What feature in Ladyland symbolise its utopian quality?

- A. Expensive Royal Palaces

- B. Oceans
  - C. Garden and Flowers
  - D. Golden Sunlight
87. Sangatya Aika (I'm Telling You, Listen) was published in
- A. 1985
  - B. 1972
  - C. 1968
  - D. 1970
88. Bhadrakali after rigorous combat slays the evil
- A. Darika
  - B. Ramakurup
  - C. Devi
  - D. Soundrya
89. Darika was played by
- A. Ramakurup
  - B. Kali
  - C. Devi
  - D. Media
90. Women's movement of the 1920's and 1930's which is shaoed by the
- A. Liberal Maxism
  - B. Liberal Socialism
  - C. Liberal Electrolisn
  - D. Liberal Socialism
91. The twentieth Century: Women writing the nation questions the emergence of caste and communalism during of the Nationalist Movement.
- A. Swadeshi strand
  - B. Swadeshi abhiman
  - C. Swadeshi bharat
  - D. Swadeshi yathra
92. Who said the line "I' m not faithful to youth or Adwapathy or Raman or Dasharathan. My reliability is just to my award"?
- A. Kaikeyi
  - B. Vasishtav
  - C. Valakkan
  - D. Raghu
93. Manthara was plotting aganist
- A. Raghu
  - B. Valakkan
  - C. Aswapathy
  - D. Dasharadhan
94. Who is raped in the short story 'Fire'?
- A. Amrutha
  - B. Priya
  - C. Lavanya
  - D. Nirmala
95. The character Amrutha in Madhavikutty's stirt Sooryan is similar to
- A. Lavanya

- B. Nirmala  
C. Priya  
D. Lekha
96. \_\_\_\_\_ is a writer who gives women tribulations in her writing.  
A. Hamra Wadkar  
B. Ajeet Kaur  
C. Prathibha Ray  
D. S Sithara
97. \_\_\_\_\_ is the story written by S. Sithara.  
A. Agni  
B. Sultana's dream  
C. Ajeet kaur  
D. Sara Joseph
98. What society was Rokeya a part of?  
A. Parsi Society  
B. Gynocentric Writing Society  
C. Bengali Muslim Society  
D. Liberal writing society
99. The majority of the story "Sultana's dream" takes which form?  
A. Poetry  
B. Dialogue  
C. Monologue  
D. Stream of consciousness
100. Who is considered as bohemian actresses ?  
A. Sajitha Madathil  
B. S.Sithara  
C. Prathiba Ray  
D. Rokeya Sakhwat Hossain

#### Answer Key

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