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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any **eight** questions.*

Weight 1 each.

1. What were the differences between the earlier and later Virginia Slims advertisements?
2. What is the "Culture of Eversion"?
3. How is Parvaiz lured to join ISIS?
4. Comment on Isaivani, the only woman in the band 'The Casteless Collective.'
5. Comment on Radhika Santwanamu, the erotic epic by Muddupalini.
6. Write a note on the Beat Generation.
7. What is the basis of Gramsci's argument that the modern bourgeois state functions as an educator?
8. Chinar Shah's "The River" as a statement on the commodification of the Sabarmati river.
9. How is the earth described in "Sleeping in the Forest?"
10. What brings the poet to tears in the poem "On the College Wall?"

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

*Answer any **six** questions.*

Weight 2 each.

11. How does government control over broadcasting damage the public sphere?





12. How can data be decolonised?
13. Comment on the attitude of Zarina, the programme head of Real TV in Thalsamayam Oru Pennkutti.
14. What according to Meena T Pillai is 'Retrograde Modernity'?
15. Comment on Banksy's brand of political activism.
16. According to Bennett, what is the dissonance between the democratic rhetoric about the public museum and its actual functioning?
17. Describe the public demonstrations that take place in Palestine.
18. Address the question of space and survival in the "Killer Whale Attack" documentary.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Weight **5** each.*

19. What are the issues related to film censorship guidelines in India that Someshwar Bhowmik addresses in "A Medium in Chains?"?
20. Do you agree with the author that Bohemian Rhapsody fails to reflect the reality and subjectivity of Freddy Mercury? Why/Why not?
21. Discuss the memories of the period of the Partition that the heirlooms of Y. P. Vij embody.
22. Explain the sociological and economic reasons behind the proliferation of shopping malls in the US.

(2×5=10 weightage)

