

## Course XI : WOMEN'S LITERATURE

### A. Choose the correct answer from the following:

- The story of Judith Shakespeare is taken from:
  - Mrs. Dalloway
  - Common Reader
  - A Room of One's Own
  - A Literature of their own
- How does Woolf describe Shakespeare's mind?
  - incandescent
  - thwarted
  - torn with country instincts
  - impeded
- Who among the following was a slave poet?
  - Zora Neale Hurston
  - Bessie Smith
  - Nella Larsen
  - Phillis Wheatley
- In folklore, Black women are called :
  - Goddesses
  - Angels
  - Mules of the world
  - Saints
- The beginnings of modern feminism can be traced to the
  - The early twentieth century
  - Post independence decades
  - Mid-19<sup>th</sup> century
  - first half of 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Who is the youngest of the women writers mentioned by Jabir Jain ?
  - Shashi Deshpande
  - Githa Hariharan
  - Anita Desai
  - Nayantara Sahgal
- The strength of tradition is worked out in :
  - Rich like Us
  - Storm in Chandigarh
  - The Binding Vine
  - This time of Morning
- Mira is a character in:
  - Small Remedies
  - The Dark Holds no Terror
  - A Matter of Time
  - The Binding Vine
- The topaz denizens are:
  - The men in the tapestry
  - The tigers in the panel
  - The women artists
  - The ordeals

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  - a. The ordeals of wifely responsibilities
  - b. The heaviness of the metal out of which the band is made
  - c. The wealth of the uncle
  - d. The struggle of an artist
11. "I, too, dislike it". What does "it" stand for ?
  - a. Poet
  - b. Poetry
  - c. fiddle
  - d. the bat
12. "the same thing may be said for all of us". What does the poet mean here?
  - a. We do not admire what we cannot understand
  - b. Phenomena are not important
  - c. The instinctive behaviour of animals
  - d. Contempt for the genuine
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15. "This is Number Three". What does it indicate?
  - a. The speaker's number in the hospital card
  - b. The third attempt to commit suicide
  - c. The Nazi Concentration camp
  - d. The third decade of her life
16. "It's the theatrical comeback". What does the speaker mean?
  - a. Her survival
  - b. Her death
  - c. Her body
  - d. Her revenge
17. What image does the poet create in the final lines ?
  - a. The ghost of the dead
  - b. Lazarus
  - c. The Phoenix
  - d. The Nazis
18. The women depicted in the first stanza

- a. Refuses to give birth
  - b. Gives priority to childbirth
  - c. Likes to be a biological as well as literary mother
  - d. Dislikes to be a writer
19. What does the poet mean when she says “ I return to the story”.
- a. She is a story teller
  - b. She rejects history
  - c. The victimization of women’s is a recurrent theme in her works.
  - d. None of these
20. “This is a metaphor”. What does it signify?
- a. The history of women
  - b. War and labour
  - c. The plight of the witches
  - d. The child birth experience
21. Whom does the poet refer to as ‘that’ women ?
- a. The speaker
  - b. The women in the poster
  - c. Women belonging to an earlier period
  - d. Women who refuses to be a victim
22. The grass blade symbolises:
- a. Powerlessness
  - b. Arrogance
  - c. Resistance
  - d. Oppression
23. Why do people walk away?
- a. They are afraid of the glass
  - b. They are shoeless
  - c. They want to avoid the grass blade
  - d. They don’t want to get hurt
24. The image of the robin signifies:
- a. Escapism
  - b. Idealism
  - c. Beauty
  - d. Love for freedom
25. “She spun herself into a web”. What does the speaker mean?
- a. Her decision to yield to the patriarchal norms
  - b. Her decision to kill herself
  - c. Her intention to trap her husband
  - d. Her anger and bitterness
26. Who is the “frail, old figure in the muffler”?
- a. The boss
  - b. Reggie
  - c. Gertrude
  - d. Mr. Woodfield

27. Whose grave did Mr. Woodfield's daughters happen to come across in the cemetery in Belgium?
- The grave of Reggie Woodfield
  - The grave of the Boss's only son
  - The grave of Mr. Woodfield
  - The grave of the fly
28. Why did Gertrude take away the pot of jam?
- She was given it by the hotel management
  - In order to teach the hotel management a lesson for over pricing the jam.
  - So that she could bring it home as a Souvenir
  - In order to teach the hotel management not to trade on people's feelings.
29. Who does the fly represent?
- Man helpless in the hand of Fate
  - An insect which is killed off by the Boss
  - Mr. Woodfield who is controlled by his family after his stroke
  - The boss who has finally come to terms with his loss
30. Hema was a
- Teacher
  - Artist
  - Lawyer
  - Feminist
31. Where were Hema and her husband earlier?
- Bombay
  - Calcutta
  - A remote Village
  - Bangalore
32. What do the walls symbolize in the story ?
- Privacy
  - Security
  - Restrictions
  - All of these
33. Where did the woman writer decide to go?
- The writers' Workshop
  - Aunt Mable's house
  - Her parental house
  - Nowhere
36. What was the major theme of the woman's works?
- Love
  - Art
  - Religion
  - Society
35. What does the Panchaloha ring symbolize in the context of the story?

- a. Safety
  - b. Divine power
  - c. Restrictions
  - d. Ornament
36. At the end of the story, what does the women do?
- a. She stays back
  - b. She forgives her husband
  - c. She breaks down
  - d. She leaves the house
37. What is the name of the street on which Meimei lived?
- a. AmyTan
  - b. Waverly Place
  - c. Chinatown
  - d. Ping Yuen Fish Market
38. What was the Christmas gift that changed the life of Meimei?
- a. The chess set that her brother Vincet got
  - b. The twelve pack of Life Savers that she got
  - c. The box of intricate plastic that her brother Winston got
  - d. The colouring book that her friend got
39. "Is shame you fall down nobody push you." What does Meimei mother mean by this comment ?
- a. It is a shame to fall down even though nobody pushed one
  - b. It is a shame not to work to achieve something
  - c. It is a shame to give up without trying
  - d. It is a shame to run away from a challenge
40. How does Meimei's mother teach her the lesson of humility ?
- a. By locking her out
  - b. By starving her
  - c. By beating her
  - d. By announcing that the family was not going to have any concern for this girl
41. The meeting between Molly and James takes place on:
- a. 12 August
  - b. 21 August
  - c. Before 12 August
  - d. After 21 August
42. Which is considered to be greatest sin?
- a. Pride
  - b. Hatred
  - c. Envy
  - d. Lust
43. Molly is a talented .....
- a. Painter
  - b. Singer
  - c. Writer
  - d. Dancer

44. What does Molly demand in return for giving consent to write about her?
- a. Gold
  - b. A Villa
  - c. A portion of the Royalty
  - d. Recognition
45. Why does Manasa consider the age between twenty and thirty a precious time ?
- a. One is not anxious about getting old
  - b. One is not haunted by thoughts of death
  - c. There is no need to care for the world
  - d. All of these
46. Why did Manasa become in the hands of Pratap?
- a. A companion
  - b. A child-bearing machine
  - c. A dancer
  - d. An indol
47. What is the dramatic purpose of the song "The darling girl of Mutturu"?
- a. To reinforce the theme of the suppression of art and artist
  - b. To emphasis the women artist
  - c. Encourage the women artist
  - d. Warn the women artist
48. Who is Bhava ?
- a. Pratap's brother
  - b. Manasa's brother
  - c. Pratap's brother-in-law
  - d. Manasa's friend
49. The Slayer Slain is set in
- a. Nineteenth century England
  - b. Twentieth century Europe
  - c. Nineteenth century Kottayam and its environs
  - d. Twentieth century Travancore
50. The Slayer and the slain are
- a. Koshy Curien and Poulosa
  - b. Mariam and Poulosa
  - c. Matthew and Poulosa
  - d. Koshy Curien and Poulosa's grandson
51. The Slayer Slain was first published in the
- a. Vidya Sangrah in 1864
  - b. Vidya Snagrah in 1905

- c. Gnananikshepam in 1864
  - d. Malayala Manorama in 1964.
52. Mariam was educated in the mission school at
- a. Kottayam
  - b. Thiruvalla
  - c. Thiruvananthapuram
  - d. London
53. Sabbath is the day of
- a. rest and enjoyment
  - b. Prayer and worship
  - c. holiday
  - d. a jewnish festival
54. George said that the old Brahmin resembled
- a. his father
  - b. his mother
  - c. his grandmother
  - d. the pastor
55. Which is correct
- a. The pastor was a holy man from his birth
  - b. He become a pastor after long mediation and thought
  - c. He chose the minister's profession after the death of his child
  - d. He was converted to Christianity by Mariam
56. Poulosa had run away from the place
- a. because he had aquarreled with his wife
  - b. After stealing his master's coconut.
  - c. because he feared that his master would kill him
  - d. To became a pastor
57. Koshy Curien decided to marry his daughter to Umman Thomas's son because
- a. She was in love with the boy
  - b. Her mother wished it
  - c. He was greedy of wealth
  - d. He wanted his daughter to be a rich women
58. Koshy Curien is the 'slayer' and the 'slain' in the sence that
- a. He killed the child and was killed by Poulosa
  - b. He died as a punishment by God
  - c. He committed suicide after killing the child
  - d. He killed the child and became the Slayer, but the
59. His conscience felt more at ease under the unmeaning ceremonies of a corrupt ritual

Corrupt ritual refers to

- a. Protestant faith
- b. Syrian faith
- c. Hindu faith
- d. Islamic faith

60. "Slaves have no souls". The comment is made by

- a. Mariam
- b. Koshy Curien
- c. The paster
- d. The old Brahmin

61. "Lay not this sin to his charge". Who said this ?

- a. Koshy Curien
- b. Mariam
- c. Poulosa
- d. The Pastor

62. In order to save himself from the sin of the murder of the child Koshy Curien

- a. Prayed God
- b. Went on a pilgrimage
- c. Put a gold coin in the treasury box of the church
- d. Paid large sums to the poor people

63. "She was famed for her knowledge of medicinal plants". Who was?

- a. Poulosa's wife
- b. The Pastors
- c. Mariam's mother
- d. Mariam's grandmother

64. What did Poulosa do to protect Bible Mariam gave him?

- a. He hid it in a box
- b. He buried it in the cow shed
- c. He hid it under his topee
- d. He entrusted it with his wife

65. Which is true ?

- a. Poulosa sank into the flood and died
- b. He swam to a distant place
- c. He was eaten to a distant place
- d. He got out of the river and sought shelter in a mountainous district



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| 1. c  | 31. a | 61. c |
| 2. a  | 32. a | 62. c |
| 3. d  | 33. b | 63. d |
| 4. c  | 34. a | 64. c |
| 5. c  | 35. c | 65. b |
| 6. b  | 36. d |       |
| 7. a  | 37. b |       |
| 8. d  | 38. a |       |
| 9. b  | 39. a |       |
| 10. a | 40. d |       |
| 11. b | 41. c |       |
| 12. a | 42. a |       |
| 13. b | 43. b |       |
| 14. a | 44. c |       |
| 15. b | 45. b |       |
| 16. a | 46. b |       |
| 17. c | 47. a |       |
| 18. c | 48. c |       |
| 19. c | 49. c |       |
| 20. a | 50. d |       |
| 21. b | 51. a |       |
| 22. c | 52. a |       |
| 23. d | 53. b |       |
| 24. d | 54. b |       |
| 25. a | 55. c |       |
| 26. d | 56. c |       |
| 27. d | 57. d |       |
| 28. d | 58. d |       |
| 29. a | 59. b |       |
| 30. c | 60. b |       |





