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Core Course - VIII

EN 1543 : 20TH CENTURY MALAYALAM LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION (2020 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all the questions, each in a word or sentence.
- 1. What does the sun do to the home of the poet in the poem "House Wife"?
- 2. Why did Koman fail to pay the fees of his son and buy medicines for his daughter?
- 3. What is the central theme of the poem "Advent"?
- 4. What is the job of Goorkha according to the poet?
- 5. What is the profession of the protagonist of the play "The Lone Tusker"?
- 6. What does the woman who sweeps the front yard long for?
- 7. What is the revelation got by the white rat in the poem "Snakes have Hallows"?
- 8. Bring out the allusion in the poem "Snake Have Hallow"?
- 9. What happened to the pond in the poem "Temple Bell"?
- 10. What is the name opted by Theithykutty when she becomes a freedom fighter? (10 \times 1 = 10 Marks)

- II. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraphs not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. Describe the conditions of the gopuram and sanctum in the poem "Temple Bell".
- 12. Comment on the aptness of comparing the forlorn bell to a "munikanyaka".
- 13. What is significant about the images of dog and owl in the poem "The Gorkha"?
- 14. Describe the character of Thankam Nair.
- 15. What do the winners of the game Pythagoras do?
- 16. How does K.K. Kochu deconstruct the official readings on social renaissance?
- 17. Describe the meeting between Vellayi appan and Hassankutty.
- 18. Significance aunt Mable's house with respect to the central theme of the work.
- 19. The language used in the novel "Pathumma's Goat"?
- 20. What does the poets do in the poem "the advent"?
- 21. Why did Priya feel that she is the most humiliated and disposed woman on earth?
- 22. Who reaped the golden grains that koran grew and why?

- III. Answer any six, each in a short paragraph of 100 words.
- Discuss how the past and present are contrasted in the poem "Temple Bell".
- 24. How was the knowledge-based Buddhist-Jainist tradition defeated?
- 25. How does K. K. Kochu rejects the notion that Dalits were "eternal slaves"?
- 26. What made the God in the story "Preethabhashanam" literally dumfounded?
- 27. Depiction of nature in the story "After the Hanging'.

- 28. Differentiate Lokadharmi and Natyadharmi.
- 29. Comment on the end of the story "Fire" by Sithara S.
- 30. Discuss the theme of the poem Advent.
- 31. How does C Ayyapan portray the double marginalization of Dalit women in the story "Spectral Speech"?

- IV. Answer any two, each in about 300 words.
- 32. Lalithambika Antharjanam's novel "Fire, My witness" narrates the story of two women who rebel in different ways against the soul-destroying restrictions of the life laid down by their tradition. Elucidate.
- 33. Critically evaluate how modern Malayalam stories address the concerns of caste, class and gender.
- 34. Identify the major themes of "Pathumma's Goat" and explain how the novelist develop them.
- 35. How does Edasseri depict the rural agrarian crisis of Kerala in the poem "The Cooking Pot and the Sickle"?

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Core Course

EN 1544 : LINGUISTICS AND STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(2020 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or a sentence :
- 1. What is Phonetics?
- 2. Explain Langue.
- 3. What is the function of Air Stream Mechanism?
- 4. What are affixes?
- 5. Explain syntax.
- 6. What is IC analysis?
- 7. What are vocal cords?
- 8. What is creole?
- 9. What is a morpheme?
- 10. What is teeth ridge?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- II. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraph, not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. Voiced and voiceless sounds.
- 12. Received Pronunciation.
- 13. Word Stress.
- 14. What is Compounding?
- 15. Lateral Sounds.
- 16. What are Plosives?
- 17. Vowels of English R.P.
- 18. Phonetic transcription
- 19. Difference between Affricates and Fricatives
- 20. Organs involved in the Respiratory system.
- 21. Cardinal vowels.
- 22. Divisions of the part of the tongue based on the divisions of the roof of the mouth.

- III. Answer any six, each in a paragraph, not exceeding 120 words.
- 23. Assimilation and Elision.
- 24. Syllables.
- 25. Word Stress and Sentence Stress.
- 26. Affixation.
- 27. Intonation.
- 28. Rhythm.

- 29. What are the different methods for determining the IC's of a construction according to H.A. Gleason?
- 30. Write a short note on rewrite rules.
- 31. Explain the difference between form class and function class words.

- IV. Answer any two, in about 300 words.
- 32. Examine the consonant system of RP.
- 33. Write an essay on word formation techniques.
- 34. Attempt an essay on Organs of Speech.
- 35. Explain the limitations of IC Analysis.

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Core Course X

EN 1545 : CRITICISM AND THEORY

(2020 Admission Onwards)

- 5. Who is the key figure associated with the "Art for Art's Sake' movement?
- 6. Who is the author of the essay titled "An Essay of Dramatic Poesy"?
- 7. What aspect of a literary work does Longinus believe can transport the audience to a higher state of mind?
- 8. What is the key concept in New Criticism that emphasizes close examination of a text's language and structure?
- 9. Who observed that "art may be said to approach the condition of science'.
- 10. What term is used to describe the idea that a work of literature should be considered as an autonomous, self-contained entity?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- II. Answer any eight from the following not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. Why did Plato consider art as deceptive?
- 12. How does renaissance influence neoclassical criticism in English?
- 13. Why did Dryden consider, clarity and precision as important in poetry?
- 14. Why does Johnson say that literary tradition needs to be respected?
- 15. Why did Wordsworth place great importance on memory in poetry?
- 16. According to Arnold, how does poetry help the cultural and moral development of readers?
- 17. What does 'Riti' refer to in Indian aesthetics?
- 18. How does contextual relevance become important in 'Auchitya'?
- 19. What is meant by the concept of 'organic unity' in New Criticism?
- 20. What is meant by the concept of 'Super ego'?
- 21. What was the focus of the first wave of feminism?
- 22. What is meant by the concept of 'literariness' in Russian formalism.

- III. Answer any six, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
- 23. Dryden's observations on the rules of drama.
- 24. Johnson's emphasis on reason and moral instruction in literature.
- 25. Pope's arguments on unity and coherence in poetry.
- 26. Wordsworth's arguments on usage of language of common people in poetry.
- 27. Arnold's notions of an ideal critic.

- 28. What is meant by the arbitrariness of a linguistic sign?
- 29. Differentiate between id and ego.
- 30. Eurocentrism
- 31. Autonomy of art.

- IV. Answer any two from the following in about 300 words.
- 32. Describe the evolution of Indian poetics and the contribution of various 'Sidhantas'
- 33. Wordsworth's challenged the prevailing notions on poetic language during his time and his arguments democratized poetry-Discuss.
- 34. Feminism encompasses a wide range of concerns and objectives-Critically elaborate.
- 35. Modernism and postmodernism both represent significant shifts in art, literature, and culture—Critically elaborate.

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Core Course - VI

EN 1541 : LITERATURE OF LATE 20TH CENTURY AND 21ST CENTURY (2020 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or sentence.
- 1. What was the traumatic experience that Denise Riley passed through in 2008?
- Which character is never seen onstage in The Homecoming?
- 3. From which author did Maya Angelou borrowed the title of her poem?
- 4. Name two Afro-American women poets.
- 5. What job does Twyla do, eight years after she leaves the orphanage?
- 6. Which mode the digital work High Muck A Muck was created?
- 7. Who is the narrator of the short story Recitatif?
- 8. What is the title 'Ragtime'?'
- 9. Who coined the word 'Hypertext'?
- 10. What is intertextuality?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- II. Answer any eight questions in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. What is Metafiction?
- 12. Chatterbox.
- 13. What do you mean by Dystopia?
- 14. Briefly explain Pastiche.
- 15. What are interactive texts?
- 16. Write a short note on Insta poems.
- 17. Electracy and literacy.
- 18. How is life for immigrants in New York portrayed in Chapter 3 of Ragtime?
- 19. What does the orchard in Recitatif represent?
- 20. Explain Minimalism.
- 21. To whom is the narrator in "The Mother" speaking?
- 22. New Negro Movement.

- III. Answer any six questions in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
- 23. Comment on the music in high Muck a Muck: Playing Chinese.
- 24. Why do you think that Gwendolyn Brooks calls the poem "the mother" instead of abortions?
- 25. Whose homecoming is it in The Homecoming?
- 26. Maja Lunde leaves open the possibility of a way of life that values the collective over the individual. Share your observations.
- 27. Who is the narrator in the story 'Recitacif'?

- 28. Describe the features of digital literature.
- 29. Consider Ragtime as an example for historical fiction.
- 30. Loss of grasp Loss of Grasp is a narrative and interactive experience about the feeling of losing grasp. Share your observations.
- 31. Intertextuality in Along the Birny Beach this generative poem J.R. Carpenter.

- IV. Answer any **two** questions in **300** words.
- 32. "Abortions will not let you forget". How far does Gwendolyn Brooks successful in handling a complicated issue In *The Mother*?
- 33. Discuss Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming* as a social commentary on gender and class issues.
- 34. How do some of the main characters serve allegorical roles in *Ragtime*? What movements or social trends are they intended to represent?
- 35. African-American literature exists both inside and outside American literature. Substantiate with your own points.

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Core Course VII

EN 1542 : POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURES

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or a sentence
- 1. What does Lee Soparlo's father represent?
- 2. What does the hyena symbolise in Walcott's poem?
- 3. Why does the poet say that there is a mystery surrounding the Gooboora?
- 4. What is the focus of the single stories on Africa that the Western media promotes?
- 5. Name the two languages that Ezekiel Mphahlele see as the two common languages to fight the white oppressors?
- 6. Who are the well-dressed visitors that Antoinette meets on her return after her fight with Tia?
- 7. What habit of Grace Poole allows Antoinette to get hold of the keys to her room?
- 8. Name the popular rebellion that inspired Walcott's poem.

- 9. Where does Alamgir Hashmi visualise himself to stand?
- 10. Where did the coyote lose its old fur coat?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- II. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words:
- 11. What are 'single stories'?
- 12. Why does Gideon refuse to take the payment for healing Teddy?
- 13. How do the stolen children in the play attempt to maintain a connection to their Indigenous culture despite the challenges they face?
- 14. What is the significance of the line "Man a bow an' scrape, man a turn and twist" in the poem "Colonisation in Reverse"?
- 15. Significance of the title "Colonization in Reverse".
- 16. What is the meaning of the line "I who am poisoned with the blood of both"?
- 17. How, according to Thiongo, do the listeners recognise a good story teller?
- 18. What is Alamgir Hashmi view concerning the future of Pakistan?
- 19. What makes Christophine different from other black characters in the novel?
- 20. What is the central conflict in Ngugi's mind about language?
- 21. What is the relevance of the title, 'Indian Site on the Edge of the Tonita Pasture'?
- 22. What hope does the 'Night Rain' leave for the Africans?

- III. Answer any six, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words
- 23. What personal experiences of Adichie are used to illustrate the dangers of having a single story?
- 24. Analyze the character development of Teddy as he grows up from a curious child to an adult.

- 25. How does "Colonisation in Reverse" reflect the larger historical narrative of Caribbean migration to England during the postcolonial era?
- 26. Language becomes a means of communication and cultural identity in "Colonization in Reverse. Explain."
- 27. How does Octavia Paz bring out the Earth's natural beauty and energy?
- 28. Gooboora is a lament on the loss of a lifestyle. Explain.
- 29. Role of Ruby as culture hero in Harrison's play.
- 30. How does Silko make use of the Coyote to depict the white settler's politics?
- 31. The connection between the natural world and healing practices as depicted in 'No Witchcraft for Sale'.

- IV. Answer any two, each in about 300 words
- 32. Discuss the long-term consequences of institutional racism on the stolen children and their families as depicted in Jane Harrison's play.
- 33. Attempt a reading of Native American, Native Canadian and Aboriginal Australian poems you studied as protest poems.
- 34. Critically examine Ngugi's views on language as seen in 'The Language of African Literature'.
- 35. Examine Wide Sargasso Sea as an exploration of discrimination at the level of race and gender.