

**FIFTH SEMESTER BA DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023****(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)****ENGLISH****GENG5B10T: INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH****Time: 2 ½ Hours****Maximum Marks: 80****SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.****(Ceiling 25 Marks)**

1. Who are the “kings of the sea”?
2. How does Kamala Das introduce herself in the poem ‘An Introduction’?
3. Why did a riot break out after the march to the Chavdar Lake?
4. Why did Lentina choose Babu as her confidant?
5. What are the main themes of the poem “You Left Me.”?
6. Why did the astrologer leave his village?
7. What was the source of inspiration for *Charulata*?
8. How did Yavakri die?
9. Who is ‘shatterproof’ in Arun Kolatkar’s poem?
10. What is the premise of the novel *Midnight’s Children*?
11. How and when, according to the astrologer, did Guru Nayak’s foe pass away?
12. What were the two jobs of Mr. Kapasi?
13. What was the name and the theme of the play within the play *The Fire and the Rain*?
14. Why are the houses empty in ‘The Country without a Post Office’?
15. What led Rushdie to think that he was being claimed, that his faraway life was an illusion?

**SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.****(Ceiling 35 Marks)**

16. What are the main themes reflected in Rushdie’s *Imaginary Homelands*?
17. How did Mr. Kapasi view his job as an interpreter? How was it different from Mrs. Das’s view of his job?
18. What is “the heaven of freedom” that Tagore refers to?
19. How did the Oracle of Delphi serve to maintain the status quo in favour of the patricians?
20. Comment on the character of Andhaka.
21. Analyze Charulata as the archetypal Ray woman.
22. How is the laburnum tree different from the other grave markers?
23. What are the most notable themes of Sarojini Naidu’s poetry?

**SECTION C: Answer any *two* questions. Each carries *ten* marks.**

24. Outline the major arguments opposing untouchability presented by Ambedkar in his speech at Mahad.
25. How does Agha Shahid Ali present the political chaos of Kashmir and its impact on the everyday lives of the common man?
26. Comment on the transformation of Charulatha from an object of desire into a “desiring subject” and its impact on her marriage with Bhupati.
27. Discuss the process through which Lentina fulfilled her wish.

**(2 x 10 = 20 Marks)**