

SIXTH SEMESTER BA DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026

(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

ENGLISH

GENG6E01T: LITERATURE OF THE MARGINALIZED

Time: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 60

**SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.
(Ceiling 20 marks)**

1. Why did Johnson come to the island in the story “Johnson and the Cascadura”?
2. What do the “dyed eyes” symbolise in the poem “Mascara”?
3. According to the narrator, how does the rain create continuity of acoustic experience?
4. What does Cheryl Mary Wade signify by the phrase “I’m Eve, I’m Kali”?
5. What is the myth of Papa Bois?
6. What was the narrator’s early morning dream in “Turumpu Mullaaniyude Hridayam”?
7. Who was the first person who managed to secure a court order against the spraying of Endosulfan?
8. What was the purpose of initiating the “Mulenge for Peace” project in Congo?
9. What does the legend of the cascadura say?
10. How does the poet envision herself in her dream in “It’s a New Day”?
11. Why did George Sir’s marriage proposal to Annamma teacher fail?
12. Who does the speaker refer to as a “murderer” in “A Ring to Me is a Bondage”?

**SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks
(Ceiling 30 marks)**

13. Comment on the irony in the title “A Paradise for Dying.”
14. “As I listen to the rain, I am the image of the rain, and I am the one.” Discuss the narrator’s perception of rain.
15. Compare and contrast the dream and reality of the narrator in “It’s a New Day.”
16. What are the ecological impacts of spraying endosulfan?
17. Evaluate the significance of the metaphor “*turumpu mullaani* (Rusty Tack).”
18. Attempt a character sketch of Annamma in the story “Annamma Teacher: Ororma”?
19. Explore the theme of freedom in “To Me a Ring is Bondage.”

SECTION C: Answer any *one* question. The question carries *ten* marks.

20. How does Douglass’s account illustrate the brutal and dehumanising effect of life in bondage?
21. Trace the impact of endosulfan on the people in the locality in “A Paradise for Dying.”

(1 × 10 = 10 Marks)