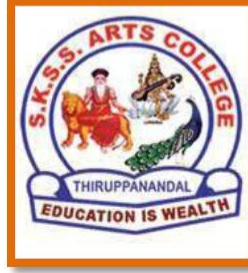




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CORE COURSE XII INDIAN CULTURE AND LITERATURE

Objectives:

To make learners understand the rich literary heritage of India
To appreciate the underlying unity among the diverse languages and literatures of India
To recognize the important contribution of India to world literature

Unit – I: Poetry

Kalidasa : “Look to This Day”
K.J. Saunders : “Karma” (Selection from *Buddhist Verse*)

Unit – II: Poetry

Dr.T. N. Ramachandran : “Tiruyirattaimanimaalai” (Selection from Translation on
Kaaraikkaal Ammaiyaar)
Prof.K. G. : “Fear We Not” (Selection from Translation on
Seshadri *Bharathi*)

Unit – III: Prose

S. Radhakrishnan : “Character Is Destiny”
M.K. Gandhi : “Faith on Its Trial”

Unit – IV: Drama

T.P. Kailasam : “The Burden”
D.G. Mukerji : “The Judgment of Indra”

Unit – V: Fiction

Indira Goswami : “The Journey”
Bama : *Karukku*

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**INDIAN CULTURE AND LITERATURE
UNIT I**

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. Kalidasa was a court poet of a king _____.
 - a. Chera Senguttuvan
 - b. Udayan Cheralathan
 - c. Vikramaditya
 - d. Antuvacheral
2. Sanskrit plays by Kalidasa influenced late _____ country European literature.
 - a. 18th and 19th
 - b. 19th and 20th
 - c. 16th and 17th
 - d. 17th and 18th
3. The poem 'Look to Day' opens by asking the readers to listen to the encouragement of the _____.
 - a. dusk
 - b. dawn
 - c. noon
 - d. night
4. Yesterday is just a dream and tomorrow is only a _____.
 - a. vision
 - b. happy
 - c. sorrow
 - d. enjoy
5. How does the poet call "dawn"?
 - a. ever green
 - b. ever new
 - c. live
 - d. refresh
6. The harvest of every person's former birth should be _____ upon earth.
 - a. tie
 - b. hold
 - c. bind
 - d. reaped

7. Who is the author of the poem "karma" ?

- a. J.K. Saundar
- b. Kalidasa
- c. K. G. Seshadri
- d. D.G. Mukerji

8. "karma" is really philosophical because it talks about the _____ of life

- a. philosophy
- b. psychology
- c. Technology
- d. Methodology

9. Karma's energy is spent only for lustful thoughts and _____ or hurting words

- a. happy
- b. angry
- c. sad
- d. joy

10. Which kind of the poem "karma" ?

- a. epic
- b. ode
- c. sonnet
- d. ballad

ANSWERS: (1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-a, 5-b, 6-d, 7-a, 8-a, 9-b, 10-c)

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1. How is a 'day' defined?

2. What is a dream and a vision?

3. What moulds yesterday and tomorrow? How?

4. How must one salute dawn?

5. What is the message or theme of the poem "Look to this day"?

6. What is the natural law?

7. Karma's energy is spent toward what?

8. Comment on the ending of the poem "karma"?

- 9.What happens when men commit sins?
- 10.Who must bear their fitting punishment ? Till when?

PARAGRAPH QUESTION

- 1.Comment on the structure and style of the poem “Look to this day”
- 2.What are the experiences or the time according to the poet ?
- 3.How dose the poem open?Discuss
- 4.What lie in a day? Explain
- 5.Write a note on Look to this day
- 6.Write a short note on karma
- 7.Who is vasetthsa sutta?
- 8.What Action according to vasettha sutta ?
- 9.What makes a true Brahmin ?
- 10.Comment on the Heart of Buddhism

ESSAY QUESTION

- 1.Comment on the theme of the poem” Look to this day”
- 2.Give a detailed account of the poet Kalidasa
3. Give a critical appreciation of the poem “Look to this day”
- 4.Bring out the impressions of kalidasa’s poem “Look to this day”
- 5.Describe the poem “Look to this day”
- 6.Give a detailed account of “karma”
- 7.Give a historical account of karma
- 8.Give a critical appreciation of the poem “karma”
- 9.Write an essay on ‘karma’ by K.J.Saunders

10.What is the essence of karma?

UNIT II
CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1.Which god is mentioned in poem?

- a.Lord shiva
- b. Lord Thirumal
- c.Lord Vishnu
- D.Lord Brahma

2.The poet describes _____as the daughter of the mountain Himalayas since she follows there and it is origin

- a.lady Yamuna
- b.lady ganga
- c.lady kavery
- d.lady vaigai

3.Why is the throat of the lord dark ?

- a.he ate the haalahala venom
- b.he ate the honey
- c.he ate the ghee
- d.he ate the butter

4.Where does the lord dance?

- a.stage
- b.theatre
- c.crematory
- d.street

5.Kaaraikal ammaiya lived in _____

- a.3rd century A.D
- b.4th century A.D
- c.6th century A.D
- d. 5th century A.D



6. Who is the author of the poem Fear we not ?

- a. kalidasa
- b. K.J.Saunders
- c. Dr.T.N.Ramachandran
- d. prof.K.G.Seshathri

7. We feel unpleasant when we are in _____

- a. danger
- b. safe
- c. joy
- d. ecstasy

8. we should not show any sign of fear when we are _____ and hurt by others

- a. encouraged
- b. insulted
- c. consoled
- d. rejoiced

9. Through sensual women try to attract men with the lust ' the men must not be _____

- a. brave
- b. afraid
- c. bold
- d. manly

10. Through the skies break and fall on the head , _____

- a. we should not fear at all
- b. we have to fear
- c. we have to worry
- d. we should not be brave

ANSWERS: (1-a, 2-b, 3-a, 4-c, 5-d, 6-d, 7-a, 8-b, 9-b, 10-a)

SHORT QUESTIONS

1. We should the heart avoid ?
2. who are never re –born?
3. Describe the beauty of the Brahmin
4. What does the Lord wear ?
5. What does st. Appar say about Lord shiva ?
6. What shall we not do when the whole world turns against us?
7. How should man be when he is left to poverty?
8. Why is the title of the song repeated throughout the poem ?
9. what should we do if we are attacked by spears?
10. comment on the ending lines of the poem “Fear we not” .

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. How does the poet describe lord shiva’s burning the citadels?
2. What is the reason for shiva’s neck being dark ?
3. What does the devotee feel ashamed of?
4. with whom does the Lord shivaride the bull?
5. Explain verse 18
6. ”cocorporate with Uma of softmien “-Explain
7. How is the lord described in song 13?
8. What should one do to prevent from being engulfed by the worst dead called karma?
9. What is the meaning of “Betelgeuse is His asterism?”
10. Explain the term ‘vediyan’.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Give a critical appreciation of T.N. Ramachandran's transition of kaaraikal Ammaiyar's Thiruyirattaimanimaalai
2. How does the poet describe Lord Shiva's dance ?
3. Discuss Dr. T.N. Ramachandran's use of images in his poem "Thiruyirattaimanimaalai".
4. Write a detailed summary of T.N. Ramachandran's Thiruyirattaimanimaalai.
5. Write an essay on "Thiruyirattaimanimaalai" by Dr. T.N. Ramachandran.
6. Bring out the impressions of Dr. T.N. Ramachandran's poem "Thiruyirattaimanimaalai".
7. Critical analysis of the poem "Thiruyirattaimanimaalai".
8. Bring out the evolution of thought in the poem "Thiruyirattaimanimaalai".
9. Describe the poem "Thiruyirattaimanimaalai".
10. Write a critical essay on symbols and images and similes in "Thiruyirattaimanimaalai".

UNIT III

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. A proper study of the humanities including _____ and religion are essential to bring the democratic change .
 - a. philosophy
 - b. psychology
 - c. technology
 - d. physiology
2. If we want to absorb the fruits of great _____ we must them with concentration and not to read them like cricket .
 - a. grammar
 - b. literature
 - c. epic
 - d. maths

3. What is the destiny of a nation ?

- a.love
- b.affection
- c.character
- d.brave

4.We cannot climb the mountain when the very _____ at our feet is crumbling .

- a.wall
- b.well
- c.sea
- d.ground

5.Describe our country in Dr.Radhakrishna's view.

- a.great country
- b.bad coutry
- c.waste country
- d.useless country

6.Manilal is attacked by small pox ,_____,combined with pneumonia and signs of delirium.

- a.cancer
- b. typoid
- c.head pain
- d.brain tumer

7.The doctor suggested Manilal to eat _____broth along with medicine and diluted milk.

- a.fruits
- b.vegtrables
- c.beet
- d.eggs and chicken

8.What is Gandhi's prayer ?

- a.shiva nama
- b.perumal nama
- c.rama nama
- d.govindha nama



9.Manilal's forehead was covered with beads of perspiration ,the temperature was

- a.going down
- b.rise
- c.up
- d. none of the above

10.Manilal had treatment for _____ with diet on diluted milk and fruit juices.

- a.30 days
- b.40 days
- c.20 days
- d.50 days

ANSWERS: (1-A,2-B,3-C,4-D,5-A,6-B,7-D,8-C,9-A,10-B)

SHORT QUESTIONS

- 1.Which revolution is important for our society?
- 2.What are essential for changing the face of our country ?
- 3.How do absorb the fruits of great literature ?
- 4.As per Radhakrishnan ,what habit of our generation is lost?
- 5.Describe our country in Dr.Radhakrishnan view
- 6.Where did Gandhi hire a chamber and a house first ?
- 7.What are the deceases faced by Manilal?
- 8.Brief about the treatment given to Manilal.
- 9.How many days Manilal's treatment prolonged?
- 10.What is Gandhi's faith ?

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

- 1.What is the aim of religion according to Radhakrishnan ?
- 2.What is the declaration of Buddhist in words of the author ?

- 3.What does author say about spirituality?
- 4.What is Radhakrishnan view of man?
- 5.What is important achieving great heights in our life ?
- 6.What does the Doctor suggest Manilal to eat along with medicine?
- 7.How did Gandhi give treatment to manilal in order to reduce his fever?
- 8.What is Gandhi's reply when doctor asked to give eggs and chicken broth to Manilal ?
- 9.What are the treatments Gandhi had faith in?
- 10.What happened to Manilal after Gandhi's prayer?

ESSAY QUESTIONS

- 1.Give a detailed account of the two important themes in Gandhi's autobiography related to faith on its trial
- 2.Write an essay on the character of Manilal
- 3.Give a character analysis of Mhathma Gandhi
- 4.Write a summary of Gandhi's "Faith on its trial"
- 5.What type of prose is "Faith on its Trial"?
- 6.What are views of Dr. Radhakrishnan in his work?
- 7.Attempt a critical appreciation of 'character is destiny '
- 8.Write a summary of Dr. Radhakrishnan's 'character is destiny '.
- 9.Bring out the Dr.Radhakrishnan's views on the 'character is destiny'.
- 10.Describe Dr.Radhakrishnan's 'Faith on its Trial'.

UNIT IV
I. CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER:

1. Who is the author of the play the Burden ?

- a. T.P. Kailasam
- b. K.J. Saunders
- c. M.K. Gandhi
- d. D.G. Mukerji

2. The Burden is a playlet from the famous epic

- a. Mahabharatham
- b. Ramayanam
- c. Silappathikaram
- d. periyapuranam

3. Bharatha doubts that the chase has tempted _____ to the forest and has deceived poor Ayothias customary feast

- a. Lakshman
- b. Shatrugna
- c. Rama
- d. Ravana

4. Who saved the Devas from Disaster?

- a. Kosalai
- b. Seetha
- c. Sumithra
- d. Kaikaye

5. Shatrugna prophesies that some _____ was going to hit them

- a. benefits
- b. safety
- c. disaster
- d. none of the above

6.shanta is reading a palm –leaf manuscript near the _____

- a. Sacred plant
- b. Mutt
- c.House
- d.Temple

7.About whom does shukra enquire?

- a.shanta
- b.kanada
- c.old man
- d. none of the above

8.How long has shukra been meditating?

- a.7hours
- b.8 hours
- c.9 hours
- d.10 hours

9. The old man has says that he is _____

- a.shukra's brother
- b.shukra's uncle
- c. shukra's father
- d. shukra's grand father

10.The law is not written in the heavens but is inscribed in the _____

- a.heart of god
- b.heart of man
- c. heart of monster
- d.none of the above

ANSWERS:(1-a,2-b,3-c,4-d,5-c,6-a,7-b,8-c,9-c,10-b)

SHORT QUESTION

- 1.What is the fear of satrugna?
- 2.What is the opinion of Bharatha about his mother ?
- 3.How does Bharata describe Anga's past present condition ?
- 4.What is the condition of Anga ?
- 5.What is the plea of Bharatha Towards vasishtha ?
- 6.About whom is shukra talking ?
- 7.What do shanta and kanada discuss?
- 8.How does shukra encourage kanada?
- 9.What does old say?
10. Where is the law inscribed ?

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. Give a character sketch of king Dasarada.
- 2.sketch the character of Bharada .
- 3.What role does Kaikeyi play in the Ramayana ?
- 4.Write a note on the character of kooni .
- 5.comment on the role of Vasistha .
6. Sketch the character of shukra .
- 7.Write a note on the old man .
- 8.How does shukra feel after the oldman leaves ?
- 9.Why no god can save shukra ?
- 10.Describe the views of shukra and his father with regard to sin and curse

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Give a detailed account of the Epic .
2. Justify the title 'The Burden '.
3. Write an essay on 'The Burden' by T.p.Kailasam.
4. Give a character analysis of Bharatha .
5. Write a summary of T.P.Kailasam's "The Burden" .
6. How appropriate is the title 'The Judgement of Indra'?
7. Write an Essay on the old man .
8. Give a character analysis of Shanta .
9. Bring out D.G.Mukerji's view on 'Judgement of Indra' .
10. Describe D.G. Mukerji's 'The Judgement of Indra' .

UNIT V

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER:

1. The Journey is set in the territory of the Milton's at Guwahati , The place is completely surrounded by _____
 - a. Thick forest
 - b. Desert
 - c. water
 - d. mountain
2. The story is Journey is written in the _____ point of view .
 - a. second person
 - b. first person
 - c. third person
 - d. none of the above
3. The two characters who appear at the very beginning are _____
 - a. prof. Mirajkar and pro. Indra Goswami .
 - b. prof. Indra Goswami and Driver vimal
 - c. Driver vimal and prof. Mirajkar

d.none of the above

4.Prof.Mirajkar was afraid of what ?

- a.Tiger
- b. Terrorist
- c.Devil
- d. Lion

5.What is the name of the forest officer ?

- a.Ramakanta
- b. Mirajkar
- c.Goswami
- d.Mr.Ahamed

6.The novel karukku was originally written in _____

- a.english
- b. sanscrit
- c, tamil
- d. Malayalam

7. what was the father of the protagonist in karukku?

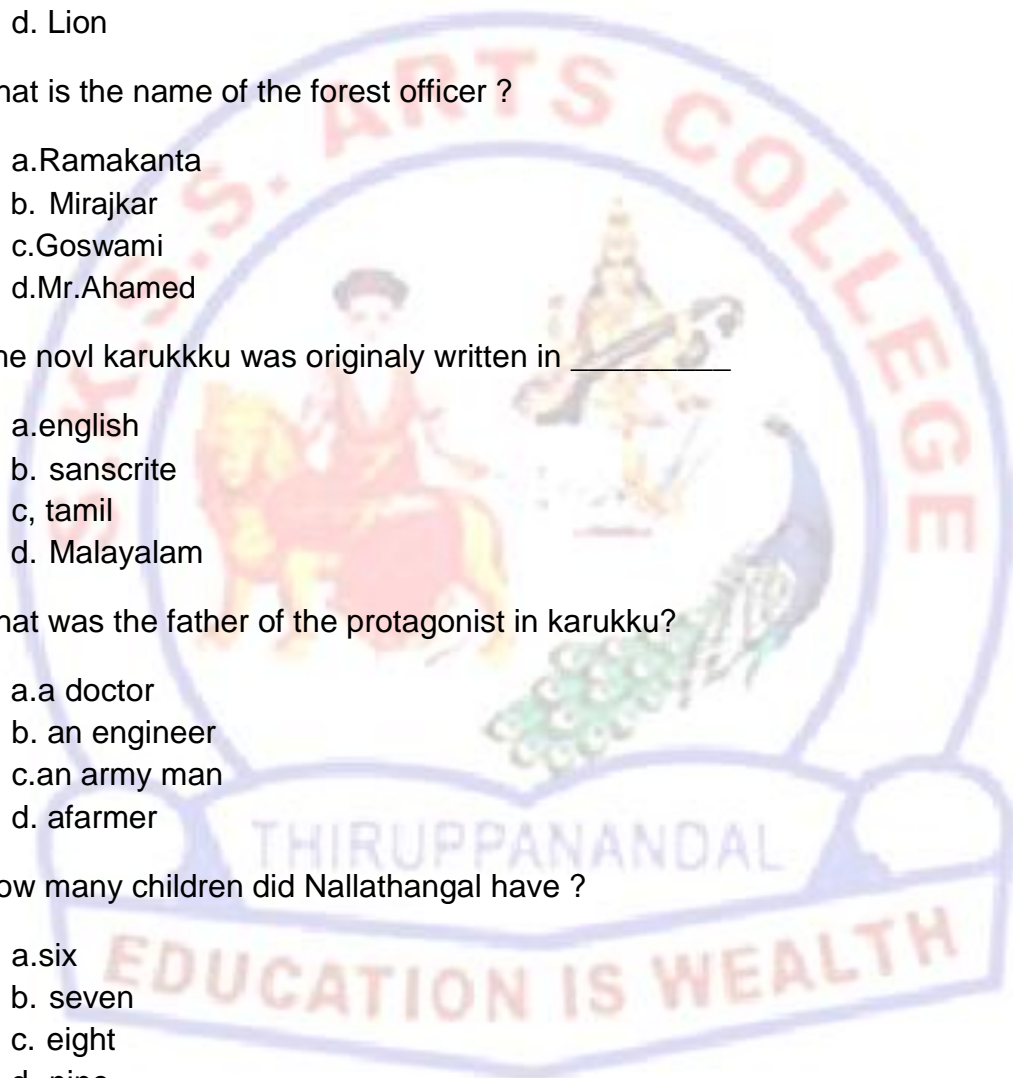
- a.a doctor
- b. an engineer
- c.an army man
- d. a farmer

8.How many children did Nallathangal have ?

- a.six
- b. seven
- c. eight
- d. nine

9.Who is the protagonist of karukku?

- a.Bama
- b.savitri
- c.Un named protagonist
- d. sakthi



10. The novel closes with the protagonist migration to_____

- a.chennai
- b.Trichy
- c. Madurai
- d.Erode

ANSWERS:(1-a,2-b,3-a,4-b,5-d,6-c,7-c,8-b,9-c,10-c)

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Write a note on the driver
2. What is Mirajkar 's view of Delhi?
3. Why did driver jump out of the car ?
4. What did the shops sell?
5. How did the old woman look?
6. What was the main festival in the village other than christmass?
7. Who knows villupattu in the village?
8. Which year is the turning point in the author 's life?
9. To which place was the protagonist transferred finally?
10. Comment on the ending of the novel?

PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. The narrator's mind was indulged in what?
2. What did the old woman tell?
3. Why are Elephant omniscient? What does the old man tell about it?
4. What was that boy? What did he do?
5. What does the old man tell about the animals in kaziranga?
6. The novel karukku is concerned with what?
7. Write a note on the novel karukku .

8. Comment on the central theme of the novel karukku.
9. What causes fight between Ondiviran and Paulu ?
10. Comment on the setting of the novel karukku.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Highlight the concept of slow- violence in Indra Goswami's "The Journey"
2. Compare and contrast the husband and wife.
3. How is nature different from human beings ?
4. How does Goswami describe the old man ?
5. Explain the passage of time in the story .
6. karukku is a novel expressing Dalit feminism-Justify
7. Analyse Bama's novel in detail.
8. Give a critical account of karukku .
9. Examine how karukku is a fictional autobiography.
10. Give a detailed account of Dalit writing.

