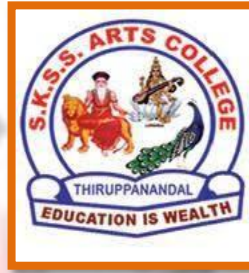




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CORE COURSE XIII

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

Objectives:

To make learners aware of the history and the growth of Indian Writing in English
To introduce learners to the rich literary tradition in Indian Writing in English
To enable learners to appreciate the changing trends in Indian literature in English from pre to post-independence era.

Unit– I: Poetry

Henry Derozio : “The Harp of India”
Sarojini Naidu : “Love and Death”

Unit– II: Poetry

Nissim Ezekiel : “Poet, Lover, Birdwatcher”
A.K. Ramanujan : “Of Mothers, Among Other Things”

Unit – III: Prose

M.K. Gandhi : “Playing the English Gentleman” (Chapter 15 from *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*)

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam : “The Power of Prayer”

Unit– IV: Drama

Girish Karnad : *Nagamandala*

Unit– V: Fiction

Mulk Raj Anand : *Cooli*

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

B.A-III YEAR

UNIT –I

Choice Questions

1. Who hangs on the lonely withered bough?
 - a. A flower
 - b. A lady
 - c. The Indian harp
 - d. A bird
2. The harp is compared to what?
 - a. A ruined monument
 - b. A grave
 - c. A ruined palace
 - d. A temple
3. Who made the music of the harp sweet and harmonious once?
 - a. The britishers
 - b. The young poets
 - c. Poets of the past
 - d. The poetess
4. Hands that strung the harp are now _____ -
 - a. Hot
 - b. Cold
 - c. Weak
 - d. power
5. what is the poet ready to do?
 - a. To write poem
 - b. To fight
 - c. To leave the country
 - d. To leave the city
6. For whom did the poetess save him?
 - a. Death
 - b. Nature
 - c. Devil
 - d. King
7. What did her love bestow him with?
 - a. Riches
 - b. Immortality
 - c. Happiness
 - d. Mortality
8. Before whom do mortals bend in fear?

- a. God
 - b. Nature
 - c. Death
 - d. Devil
9. Did her love conquer death?
- a. No
 - b. Yes
 - c. Not known
 - d. Known
10. Mortality is the in herited _____ of the human beings
- a. Property
 - b. Fate
 - c. Joy
 - d. unhappy

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

Short Questions

1. In the poem the harp of India what is referred to as the harp?
2. What is the condition of the Indian harp now?
3. Write a note on the music produced by the harp?
4. Why the harp was now became silent?
5. Why no one hears the harp?
6. What did the poetess dream?
7. What did the poetess do?
8. What did she realize when she awoke?
9. Why was her love helpless?
10. Why could not she save him from death?

Paragraph Questions

1. Bring out the feeling of the poet for the Indian harp.
2. What does the poet want to do?
3. What is the theme of the Henry Derozio's The harp of India?
4. Write a note on the style of Henry Derozio's The Harp of India..
5. What is the silent feature of the Hendry Derozio's the harp of India?
6. Describe the dream of the poetess in the poem love and death.
7. What did the poetess realize in the poem love and death?
8. Describe the power of love and death.
9. Bring out the central idea of the poem love and death.
10. Write a critical note on Sarojini Naidu's Love and death.

Essay Questions

1. Write an essay on the evaluation of thought in the poem the harp of India by Henryderozio.
2. Bring out the theme of the harp of India
3. Describe the poem the harp of India by Henryderozio
4. Write a critical essay on symbols and images and similes in the harp of India
5. Write a detailed summary of Henryderozio's the harp of India.
6. A critical appreciation of love and death.
7. Write an essay on love and death by Sorojini Naidu.
8. Give a brief summary of Sorojini Naidu's love and death.
9. Give a critical analysis of the poem love and death by Sorojini Naidu.
10. Write a detailed summary of Sorojini Naidu's love and death

Unit II

Choice Questions

1. The poem, poet, lover, bird watcher is written by whom?
 - a. A.k. Ramanujan
 - b. Kamaladas
 - c. Nissim Ezekiel
 - d. Sorojini Naidu
2. How is the lover rewarded?
 - a. By this lady love going away from him
 - b. Surrendering to him
 - c. Kissing him
 - d. Gift giving him
3. The poet, the lover and the bird watcher have to wait_____
 - a. Angrily
 - b. Patiently
 - c. Hungrily
 - d. Impatiently
4. When the poet gets inspiration _____ words come to him spontaneously
 - a. Difficult
 - b. Easy
 - c. Wrong
 - d. Right
5. The poet gets the inspiration to write good_____
 - a. Play
 - b. Poetry

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- c. Fiction
 - d. Drama
6. The poet A.K Ramanujan compares his mother's hand to a wet _____ crinkled feet
- a. Parrot's
 - b. Sparrow's
 - c. Crow's
 - d. Eagle's
7. About whom the poet talk in the poem of mother does's among other things?
- a. His lady love
 - b. His mother
 - c. His daughter
 - d. His wife
8. How many diamonds that's in A.K.Ramanujan mother's ear rings?
- a. Only one
 - b. Three
 - c. Two
 - d. Seven
9. Of mother among other things is a fine _____
- a. Lyric
 - b. Elegy
 - c. Ode
 - d. Sonnet
10. The poet A.K.Ramanujan's mother tried to pick a green of _____ from the kitchen floor.
- a. Rice
 - b. Wheat
 - c. Maize
 - d. grain

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

Short Questions

1. What does the poet express in the poem poet, lover bird watcher?
2. When can a poet write a fine piece of poetry?
3. How is the poet, th3 lover the bird watcher rewarded?
4. Give the meaning of the line, 'the death can hear the bird watcher.
5. Write a note on the images in the poem poet lover and the bird watcher.
6. How was the poet's mother when she was young?
7. Write a note on the p[poet's mother ear-rings.

8. To what does the poet compare this mother's wrinkled hands?
9. Why was poet's mother's saree hanging loose?
10. Why is the poet filled with pain?

Paragraph Questions

1. Write a short notes on the images in the poem the poet ,lover ,bird watcher?
2. For what to the poet the lover and the bird watcher wait and how are they rewarded?
3. Write a short on the common things between the poets, the lover and the bird watcher.
4. What do the poet the lover and the bird watcher?
5. Write a brief notes on the poem the poet ,lover and the bird watcher,
6. How does the poet describe his mother?
7. Why is the poet filled with pain?
8. What was the effect of the misfortune's on the poet's mother?
9. Describe the beauty of the poet's mother.
10. What does the poet do in the poem, of mother among other things?

Essay Questions

1. Bring out the evaluation though in the poem, poet, lover, bird watcher.
2. Write a critical appreciation of NissimEzekiel's poet, lover and bird watcher.
3. Discuss NissimEzekiel's use of the images in his poem poet, lover and bird watcher.
4. Write a detailed summary of NissimEzekiel's the poet, lover and bird watcher.
5. Write an essay on poet, lover and bird watcher by NissimEzekiel.
6. Bring out the impression of A.K.Ramanujan's poem of mother among other things.
7. A critical appreciation of mother among other things.
8. Describe the poem of mother among other things.
9. Critical analysis of the poem, of mother among other things.
10. Write a critical essay on symbols and images and similes in of mother among mother .

Unit III
Choice Questions

1. Whose books stimulated Gandhi's interest in dietetics studies?
 - a. Salt
 - b. Pythagoras
 - c. Dr. Allion
 - d. Haward
2. What did Gandhi ask his brother to send him?
 - a. A golden double watch chain
 - b. Money
 - c. An evening suit
 - d. Book
3. Which is the lingua franca of the continent?
 - a. English
 - b. German
 - c. French
 - d. Italy
4. Gandhi decided to take lesson in _____ French and elocution.
 - a. Music
 - b. Sports
 - c. Dancing
 - d. Singing
5. Gandhi realized that was a _____ - and ought to go on with these studies.
 - a. Doctor
 - b. Student
 - c. Patient
 - d. Teacher
6. Who was kalam's father helpmate
 - a. Aunt
 - b. Mother
 - c. Sister
 - d. Grandma
7. Where did kalam's family live?
 - a. An central house
 - b. Neatly built house
 - c. Grandmother's house
 - d. Aunty house
8. Who was pakshilakshmanasastry?
 - a. A teacher

- b. A librarian
 - c. A doctor
 - d. Thinly priest
9. Who made kalam aware of a brave new world?
- a. His father
 - b. Jallaluddin
 - c. Samsuddin
 - d. His mother
10. When the second world war broke out?
- a. 1936
 - b. 1947
 - c. 1931
 - d. 1939

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

Short Questions

1. What were the books read by Gandhi on vegetarianism?
2. Write a note on the ethics of diet.
3. Why did Gandhi's friend take him to the lowborn restaurant?
4. How did Gandhi decide to make up for his vegetarianism?
5. Which was the center of fashionable life in London?
6. Write a note on Kalam's childhood.
7. Why did people wait for the kalam's father?
8. What is prayer according to kalam's father?
9. What made kalam earn his first wages?
10. Write a note on kalam's stay at Ramanathapuram.

Paragraph Questions

1. Write a short note on the influence of dietetic book on Gandhi.
2. What was the effort made by Gandhi's friend to change him?
3. How did Gandhi react after his realization?
4. Write a note on Dr. Alison's writings.
5. What did Gandhi decide to do to put his friend at ease?
6. Describe Jallaluddin's influence on Abdul kalam.
7. Bring out the influence of Samsuddin on Abdul kalam.
8. Write a short note on kalam's science teacher Sivasubramaniam.
9. Narrate the incident that happens in the school when kalam was in the 5th grade and slandered.
10. Write a paragraph on kalam's childhood friends.

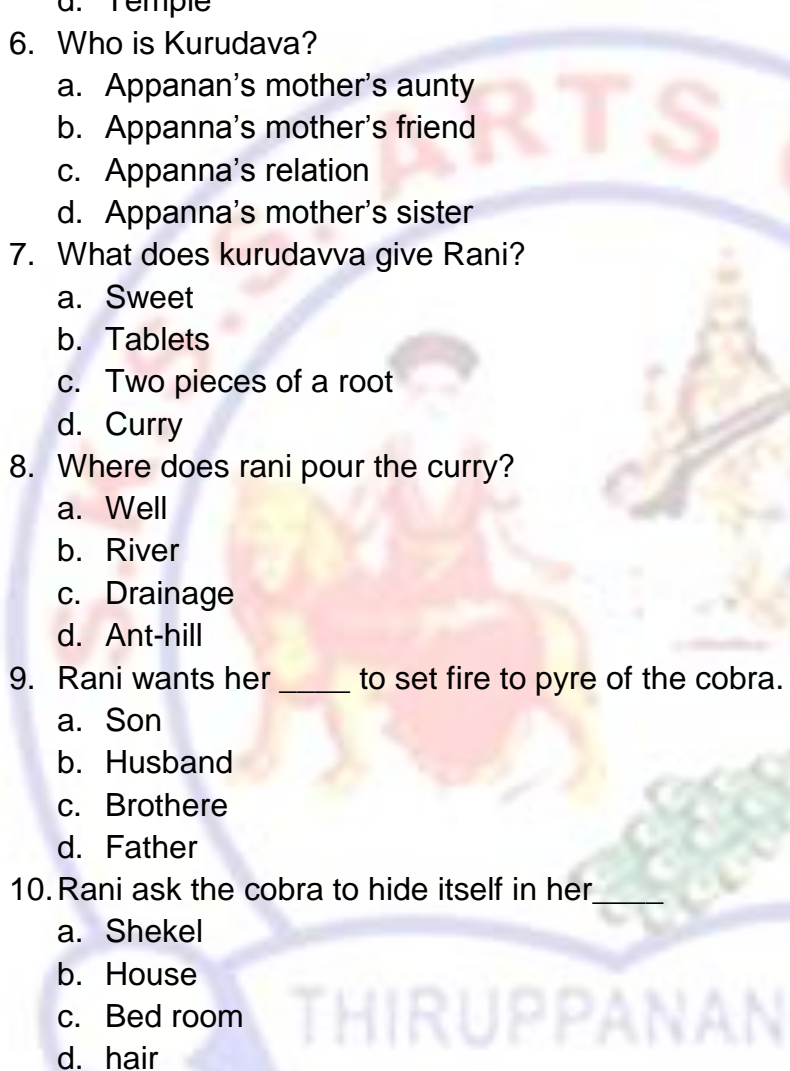
Essay Questions

1. Describe the effort made by Gandhi to become an English gentle man.
2. Write an essay on the influence of die tic books on Gandhi.
3. Write a summary of M.K. Gandhi's "playing the English gentle man".
4. What type of prose is 'playing the English gentle man' by M.K.Gandhi.
5. Bring out the irony in playing the English gentle man.
6. Bring out Kalam's views on the power of prayer.
7. Write an essay on Abdulkalam's parents.
8. What is the significance of Jallaluddin and samsuddin's characters in the power of prayer?
9. Write a summary of kalam's 'the power of prayer' .
10. Attempt a critical appreciation of 'the power of prayer'

Unit –IV

Choice Questions

1. Where is the man sitting?
 - a. Public park
 - b. Dilapidated temple
 - c. School
 - d. Church
2. Where do the flames meet?
 - a. Temple
 - b. Forest
 - c. Beach
 - d. Park
3. The play is based on what?
 - a. history
 - b. Mythology
 - c. Story's story
 - d. Psychology
4. Where does Appanana pass his days and night?
 - a. Concubine house
 - b. Hotel
 - c. His wife house

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- d. Aunty house
 5. Where does Rani see her parents?
 - a. In their house
 - b. In halksciation
 - c. In the market
 - d. Temple
 6. Who is Kurudava?
 - a. Appanan's mother's aunty
 - b. Appanna's mother's friend
 - c. Appanna's relation
 - d. Appanna's mother's sister
 7. What does kurudavva give Rani?
 - a. Sweet
 - b. Tablets
 - c. Two pieces of a root
 - d. Curry
 8. Where does rani pour the curry?
 - a. Well
 - b. River
 - c. Drainage
 - d. Ant-hill
 9. Rani wants her _____ to set fire to pyre of the cobra.
 - a. Son
 - b. Husband
 - c. Brothere
 - d. Father
 10. Rani ask the cobra to hide itself in her _____
 - a. Shekel
 - b. House
 - c. Bed room
 - d. hair

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

Short Questions

1. Where do the flames meet?
2. How can be man save his life?
3. Why Rain is called so?
4. To whom is Rani married?

5. Where Appanan does spent his time?
6. Who support and console Rani when she is alone?
7. Why kappana was named so?
8. Write a note on Kurudavvea's husband.
9. Why did Rani pour the carry in to anti-hill?
10. What happen end when Rani put her hand in to the ant-hil?

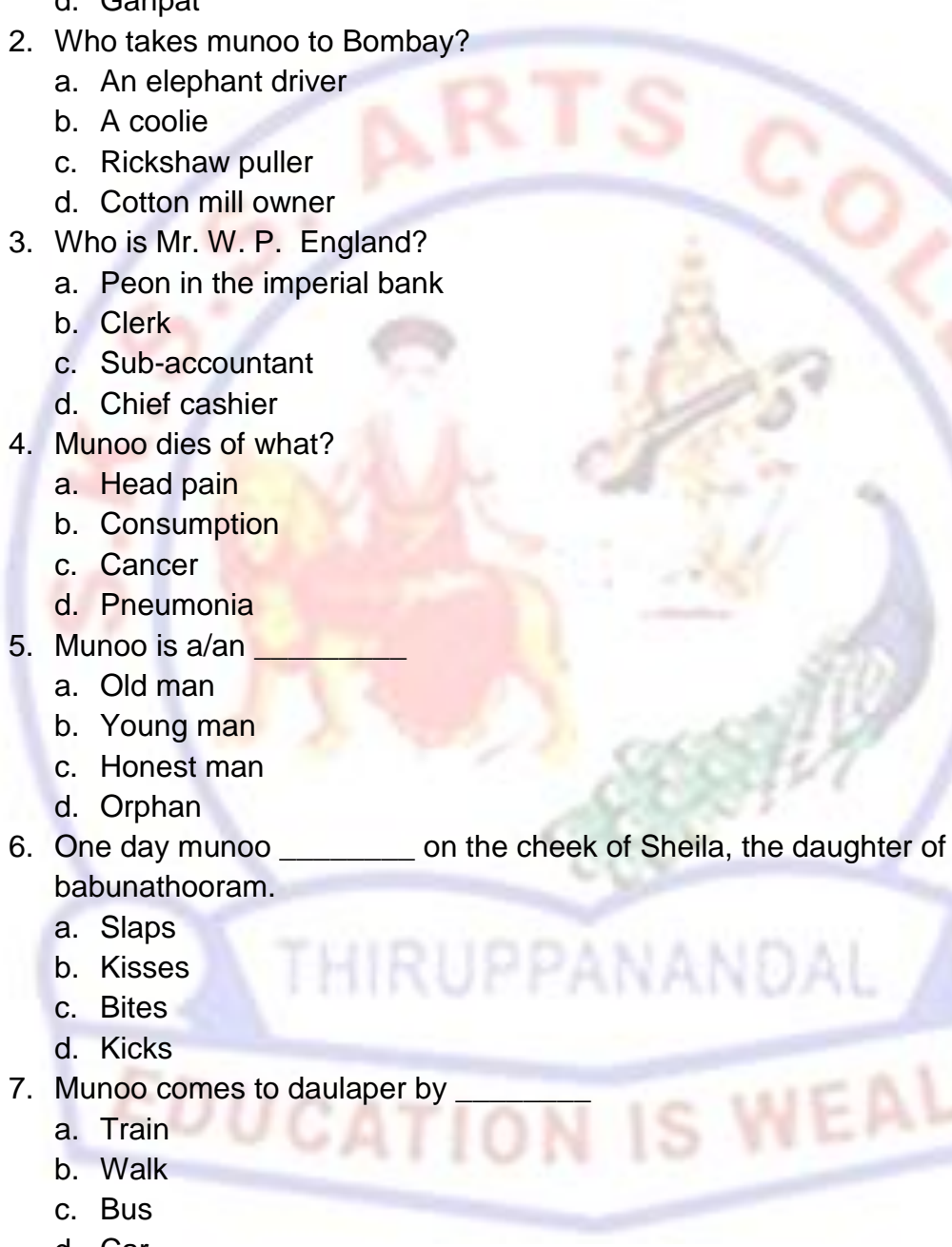
Paragraph Questions

1. Write a short on the flames.
2. Write a note on the story and the song.
3. Bring out significance of the Kurudavva's story.
4. Describe the language and style of garishkarnad.
5. Why did kappana leave his blind mother to fend for herself?
6. What did you think of Naga's love for Rani?
7. Who gave the three pieces of a root to Kurudavva? And why?
8. Why was man given that punishment?
9. Write a note on Rani's life
10. What did the saint tell the man? And why?

Essay Questions

1. Show the social million portrayed the play Nagamantala.
2. Write an essay on the plot construction in Nagamantala.
3. Attempt a critical appreciation of the play Nagamantala.
4. Comment on the women characters in the play Nagamantala.
5. Write an essay on Naga in the play Nagamantala.
6. What is the significance of Gurudavva and kappana's character in Nagamantala?
7. Write a brief summary of GarishKarnad's Nagamantala.
8. Compare and contrast the character of Naga and Appana in Nagamantala.
9. What type of the play is Nagamantala by GarishKarnad?
10. Justify the appropriateness of the title of the play Nagamantala.

Choice questions

1. Who is the hero of the novel?
 - a. Harihar
 - b. Premchand
 - c. Munoo
 - d. Ganpat
 2. Who takes munoo to Bombay?
 - a. An elephant driver
 - b. A coolie
 - c. Rickshaw puller
 - d. Cotton mill owner
 3. Who is Mr. W. P. England?
 - a. Peon in the imperial bank
 - b. Clerk
 - c. Sub-accountant
 - d. Chief cashier
 4. Munoo dies of what?
 - a. Head pain
 - b. Consumption
 - c. Cancer
 - d. Pneumonia
 5. Munoo is a/an _____.
 - a. Old man
 - b. Young man
 - c. Honest man
 - d. Orphan
 6. One day munoo _____ on the cheek of Sheila, the daughter of babunathooram.
 - a. Slaps
 - b. Kisses
 - c. Bites
 - d. Kicks
 7. Munoo comes to daulaper by _____.
 - a. Train
 - b. Walk
 - c. Bus
 - d. Car
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9. Bibiuttamkaur is a _____ lady.
- Kind
 - Cruel
 - Proud
 - Soft
10. Harihar worked in a _____ factory in Bombay
- Pencil
 - Pickle
 - Textile
 - Match box
11. Mrs. Maintaining is a typical.
- Anglo Indian
 - Indian
 - American
 - Italian

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

Short Questions

- At the beginning of the story where does Munoo live?
- Why is munoo sent out of home?
- How did Munoo father die?
- Write a note on munoo's mother.
- Who is dayaram?
- Where does Dayaram take Munoo to, in sham naggars?
- What is cat-killer's lane?
- What do you know about the today malls?
- What does the novel, Coolie Portray?
- How does Munoo come to simla?

Paragraph Questions

- Describe the life of Munoo in his native village Ballarpur.
- Write a note on Munoo's father and mother.
- Describe the life of Munoo at BabuNathooram's house.
- Why did Nathooram invite W.B. England to his house?
- Why did Munoo start hating his uncle?
- What made Munoo run away from Sham agar?
- How did probhaDayal help munoo?
- How did Ganpat ruin prabhadayal?

9. How did hari help munoo?
10. Describe the last day of Munoo.

Essay Questions

1. Bring out the humanism in coolie.
2. How can be characters in the novel Coolie, can be classified in to different groups.
3. Bring out the satire in coolie.
4. Bring out the pathos in the novel coolie.
5. What is the role of fate in the novel Coolie?
6. Bring out the irony in the novel Coolie.
7. Show coolie as a social tragedy.
8. Bring out the Picaresque elements in MulkrajAnand's Coolie.
9. Justify the appropriateness of the title of the novel Coolie
10. Attempt a critical appreciation of the novel Coolie

