

MA (Final) ENGLISH PROGRAMME

MAEG – 09

Postcolonial Literature

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

1. The Theory paper is having the maximum marks of 80, examinees will be given 3 Hours time to answer.
2. The Question paper will be divided into three sections A, B, and C.
3. Section 'A' will contain eight (08) Very Short Answer Type Questions (one word, one sentence, and definitional type item) having weightage of 16 (sixteen) marks. Examinees will have to attempt all questions. Each question will be of 2 (two) marks and maximum word limit will be thirty to fifty words.
4. **Section 'B' will contain Eight Short Answer Type Questions.** Examinees will have to **answer any four (04) questions.** Each question will be of eight (08) marks. The weightage of this section will be of thirty two (32) marks. Examinees have to delimit each answer in maximum 100 words.
5. **Section 'C' will contain four Long Answer Type Questions** and each question will also have internal alternative option. Each question will be of sixteen (16) marks. Examinees will have to **answer any two questions.** The weightage of this section will be of thirty two (32) marks. They have to delimit each answer in maximum 800 words.

Section A

Answer the following questions in about 30-50 words each:

- ❖ What is the source of the title of Achebe's novel "Things Fall Apart"?
- ❖ How does Lenny respond to Gandhi ji in "Ice Candy Man"?
- ❖ What does 'Exile' refer to in the Parthasarthy's poem?
- ❖ What message does Judith Wright convey in the poem "Nigger's Leap, New England"?
- ❖ What does Chatterjee say about Anticolonial nationalism?
- ❖ State the three ways in which nation is imagined by Benedict Anderson in "Imagined Communities"?
- ❖ What do you about Malli Bomma in "Tale Danda"?
- ❖ What do you understand by the term "Diaspora"?
- ❖ What is ethnic separation?
- ❖ What do you know about Qurban Ali in "A Letter from India"?
- ❖ What does Hope mean when he says Australian cities are like 'five teeming sores'?
- ❖ What similarities does Atwood find in the human psyche and the Canadian environment?
- ❖ How does Ashish Nandy trace the psychological reasons that led to the establishment of the colonial rule in the preface?

- ❖ The 'Non – Eastern' man failed to understand the East. Explain.
- ❖ What happens in the climax scene of "Tale Danda"?
- ❖ What does Naipaul say about the members of the committee in the eight Shiv Sena Committee rooms?
- ❖ What does "My Four Enemies" foreground?
- ❖ What is partition literature?
- ❖ What is poetic diction?
- ❖ How is language related to culture?
- ❖ What is post structuralism?
- ❖ What do you understand by "Exoticization"?
- ❖ Trace the similarity between the last scenes of Tale Danda and Tughlaq.
- ❖ How does Naipaul agree with Dr. Sudhir Kakkar regarding Indian ego?

Section B

Attempt the following questions in 100 words each:

- ❖ Write a note on post colonial travel writing?
- ❖ Comment on Bijjala's relationship with Basavanna in "Tale Danda".
- ❖ What do you understand by non – modern India?
- ❖ How would you define post colonialism?
- ❖ Comment on Shiv. K. Kumar's attitude towards the traditional roles played by Indian women.
- ❖ Write a note on Negritude as a literary movement.
- ❖ Comment on the stream of consciousness technique used by Arasanyagam.
- ❖ "A letter from India "is a story in the epistolary form. Discuss.
- ❖ How does "Things Fall Apart" reflect Igbo traditions?
- ❖ Write a note on the locale of the novel "Ice Candy Man"
- ❖ Trace Walcott's personal inner conflict over the war in "A Far Cry from Africa"
- ❖ How does Diop express the evils of slavery and colonialism in the poem "Africa"?
- ❖ What does Mukherjee's observation on herself in resisting Canadian racism reflect?
- ❖ Write a note on the collapse of communism.
- ❖ Write a note on the use of history in 'Tale Danda'.
- ❖ "The Diaspora in Indian Culture" makes an important contribution to Diaspora criticism. Comment.
- ❖ Comment on the title "Things Fall Apart".
- ❖ Write a note on the last leg of the journey by Jean Arasanayagam.
- ❖ Caste is an overriding concern in the story "My Four Enemies". Discuss.
- ❖ How will you distinguish between Standard English and Englishes?
- ❖ Comment on the imagery of darkness in the poem "Niggers Leap, New England?"
- ❖ Write a note on Atwood's use of an extended metaphor to communicate the concept of an inner journey.
- ❖ Summarize Mukherjee's discussion on multiple identities.
- ❖ What are Naipaul's view about Gandhi and his followers?

Section C

Answer the following in detail (800 words each):

- ❖ Critically analyze the themes and issues raised in “My Four Enemies”.
- ❖ Discuss the narrative technique used in “my four enemies”.
- ❖ Critically analyze “Australia” by A. D. Hope.
- ❖ Critically analyze “Nigger’s Leap, New England”.
- ❖ Give an overview of “The Intimate Enemy”
- ❖ What is post colonial discourse? Discuss.
- ❖ Write a critically summary of “A Wounded Civilization”.
- ❖ Discuss “A Wounded Civilization” as a travel text.
- ❖ Discuss the development of plot and narrative approach of “Things Fall Apart”.
- ❖ Compare and contrast the characters of Okonkwo and Nwoye.
- ❖ Write a critical summary of “An Introduction” by Kamala Das.
- ❖ Write a critical appreciation of the poem “Exile from Homecoming” by R. Parthasarthy.
- ❖ Critically examine the dramatic structure of “Tale Danda”.
- ❖ Critically evaluate the character of Bijjalla in “Tale Danda”.
- ❖ Write an essay on the prominent issues about Indian Diaspora raised by Amitav Ghosh.
- ❖ How does Amitav Ghosh analyze the cultural features of the modern Diaspora of India?
- ❖ ‘Ice Candy Man’ is a novel that fictionalizes a historical event marked by the ill judgment of individuals and establishments in the first half of the twentieth century. Discuss.
- ❖ Write an essay on the art of characterization in “Ice Candy Man”.
- ❖ Analyze the theme of cultural displacement in post colonial poetry.
- ❖ Write a critical summary of P. K. Page’s poem “First Neighbours”.
- ❖ Write a critical appreciation of “Journey of the Interior” by Margaret Atwood.
- ❖ Richard Nturu’s success lay in his ability to examine sensitive African issues from new perspective. Discuss.
- ❖ Write an essay on post colonialism, feminism and post structuralism.
- ❖ Discuss the significance of the title of the essay “Whose Imagined Community” by Partha Chatterjee.
