

APRIL 2020

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Time : 1½ hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer any 15 questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Goethe first used the term “————— literature”  
(a) world (b) national (c) classical (d) modern
2. Fate tragedy was very popular in —————  
(a) India (b) Germany (c) England (d) France
3. The word ‘absurd’ means a lack of —————  
(a) purpose (b) love (c) learning (d) health
4. Metafiction is a concept in ————— literature.  
(a) Classical (b) modern (c) postmodern  
(d) ancient
5. Dante’s Canto III opens with the ————— on the gate of Hell.  
(a) inscription (b) alarm (c) painting  
(d) welcome
6. In “Ithaca”, Cavafy makes use of the story from the —————.  
(a) Iliad (b) Odyssey (c) Metamorphoses  
(d) Ulysses

7. "The Burning of the Books" was originally written in \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) German (b) Italian (c) English (d) French
8. The speaker in "Lot's Wife" looks on the latter with \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Compassion (b) hatred (c) anger (d) scorn
9. Oedipus was the king of \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Ithaca (b) Illyria (c) Thebes (d) Troy
10. Antigone is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Oedipus.  
(a) daughter (b) mother (c) wife (d) friend
11. Oedipus dies in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Colonus (b) Thebes (c) Italy (d) Athens
12. Tiresias is a blind \_\_\_\_\_ in "Oedipus Rex".  
(a) King (b) Prophet (c) God (d) Solider
13. In "The Guest", Daru is a \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) School teacher (b) Scientist (c) Policeman  
(d) Prisoner
14. "A Christmas Tree and a Wedding" is narrated by an \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) artist (b) outcast (c) actor (d) elder

15. One Autumn Night, Maxim Gorky found himself without a \_\_\_\_\_ in his pocket.  
(a) penny (b) farthing (c) shilling (d) rupee
16. In "The Blizzard", Marya Gavrilovna is a young \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Maid (b) Noblewoman (c) Queen  
(d) Beggar
17. In "The Count of Monte Cristo" \_\_\_\_\_ is the finance of Edmund Dantes.  
(a) Mercedes (b) Anna (c) Christo (d) Emilie
18. Abbe Faria bequeaths to Dantes his \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Estate (b) Fortune (c) Throne (d) Title
19. Fernand Mondego is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Dantes.  
(a) rival (b) friend (c) leader (d) son
20. Louis Dantes \_\_\_\_\_ himself to death.  
(a) starves (b) hangs (c) shoots (d) drowns

PART B — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions in 200 words each.

21. Write a short note on Goethe's concept of world literature.
22. Describe the significance of the inscription on the Gate of Hell.

23. How do Oedipus anger and pride cause his downfall?
24. What is the role of Tiresias in “Oedipus Rex”?
25. What is the theme of “One Autumn Night”?
26. What wrong did Mondego do to Dantes? Why?
27. Which are the aliases that Edmund Dante uses? Why?

PART C — (2 × 15 = 30 marks)

Answer any TWO questions in 300 words each.

28. Write an essay on postmodernism in world literature.
29. Justify the title “The End and the Beginning” by Wislawa Szymborska.
30. Elucidate Oedipus Rex as a tragic hero.
31. Analyse the conflict in “The Guest”.
32. Describe in detail the transformation of young Dantes into the Count of Monte Christo.