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U.G. 6th Semester Examination - 2021

## ENGLISH [HONOURS] Course Code : ENG-H-CC-T-14

Full Marks : 60

Time :  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. Answer all the questions.

1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

 $2 \times 10 = 20$ 

- i) Why are the dead 'placed pointing west' in "Small Towns and the River"?
- ii) What does Kenalepe offer Dikeledi out of compassion, and how does Dikeledi respond?
- iii) Where shall I turn, divided to the vein?" What crisis does the question indicate?
- iv) How does Nana change about her granddaughter's legs when she sees her become a champion sprinter?
- v) What are the selves the poet impersonates in "The Voice of the Mountain"?

- vi) What is Olielo's opinion of the white man's law, in "The Green Leaves"?
- vii) What has inspired the 'saddest lines' from Neruda?
- viii) Briefly state the political views of the people who gathered in Paul Thebolo's house.
- ix) What does the 'tough-skinned fruit' become proof of, in Malouf's poem?
- x) How does Nyamundhe's mourning song forebode doom for her tribe?
- xi) Who is the 'imbecile god' devouring the 'tracts of minerals' of Spain?
- xii) How is Dikeledi received by the inmates of the prison?
- xiii) What is 'that terrible vowel, in Walcott's "Names", and why is it terrible?
- xiv) Is Adjoa's different use of her legs a statement about the lot of African women?
- xv) What are the differently coloured shirts used for in "Revolving Days"?
- xvi) What light does the title of "The Green Leaves" throw on the story?

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- 2. Answer any **four** of the following questions:  $5 \times 4 = 20$ 
  - In what ways does Garesego in "The Collector of Treasures" represent the colonized African man?
  - ii) Briefly comment on the politics of naming the New World in Derek Walcott's poem.
  - iii) Explain "We live in territories forever ancient and new, /and as we speak in changing languages."
  - iv) Bring out the moral irony and its possible roots in Grace Ogot's story.
  - v) How is love an instrument of self-reflection in David Malouf's "Revolving Days"?
  - vi) How are three generations of women differentiated by their expressions in "The Girl Who Can"?
  - vii) Why does racial identification become a'far cry' in Derek Walcott's poem?
  - viii) What picture of 'taut and dry' Spain does Neruda hold?
  - ix) How does Mamang Dai contrast the river with human life in the small towns?

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- 3. Answer one question from (i) and one from (ii):  $10 \times 2=20$ 
  - i) Examine the title of Achebe's novel to discuss how change and transition are interpreted.

## OR

Discuss the plot and narrative style of "Things Fall Apart" to show how much Achebe follows traditional African ways of storytelling.

ii) How are national history and individual life related in "No One Writes to the Colonel"?

## OR

Make an assessment of the Colonel's wife as woman, wife and mother in Marquez's novella.