

BHQ/M-21

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ENGLISH

(Indian Writing in English-II)

Paper–XV

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note : Attempt all questions.

1. (a) Explain with reference to the context :

This is a noon for beggars with whining
Voices, a noon for men who come from hills
With parrots in a cage and fortune cards,
All stained with time, for brown Kurava girls

OR

Behind my bedroom door like a brooding
Dog..... you cannot believe darling,
Can you, that I lived in such a house and
Was proud, and loved.....

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(b) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Here is a great man, a big man, you cannot find a more important man round about Somanur. He has lands, cattle, yes, he's a big man in every way. No doubt, he has certain habits; no use shutting our eyes to it : but I guarantee he will get over them. He must have a joint loan because he needs at least five hundred rupees

immediately to see him through his daughter's marriage.”

Questions :

- (i) Who is the speaker of the lines ?
- (ii) Who is this ‘great man’ as referred in the above passage ?
- (iii) What is the need of five hundred rupees ?

OR

“You have taken my last coin. What have you given me in return ? Has the priest been fooling me ?..... If he has fooled me, god help him! I'll have my fingers round his throat!”

Questions :

- (i) Who is the speaker in the lines above ?
- (ii) To whom are these lines addressed ?
- (iii) Give antonym of “return”. 6

2. Write short answers all of the following :

- (a) Imagery in ‘My grand mother's House’.
- (b) What is the significance of the title “The Freaks” in the poem by Kamala Das ?
- (c) Sum up Kamala Das's ideas in the poem ‘A Hot Noon in Malabar’.
- (d) Attempt a short note on Margayya's son, Balu.
- (e) What role does Dr. Pal play in “The Financial Expert” ?
- (f) Attempt a note on Narayan's ‘Malgudi’. (6×4=24)

3. Answer any *two* :

- (a) “The Financial Expert” is quite an achievement in comic fiction. Discuss this statement bringing out the irony in the novel.
- (b) Trace the implications of the term The Financial Expert.
- (c) Write a note on the imagery in Kamala Das's poetry with reference to the poems in your syllabus.

(2×7=14)

4. Offer a critique of “The Sunshine Cat”.

OR

Discuss Kamala Das as a confessional poet. 15

5. Comment on how the urge for money leads to the complication of the plot in ‘The Financial Expert.’

OR

Attempt a detailed account on the relationship of Margayya and his son, Balu. 15