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TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2021 held in March, 2022

ENGLISH

(5th Semester)

Course No.: ENGDSE-501T

(Modern Indian Writing in English Translation)

Full Marks: 70
Pass Marks: 28

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

Answer any *twenty* questions of the following: $1\times20=20$

- 1. How much money did Ghisu and Madhav collect from the villagers for the funeral?
- 2. What was the most memorable event in Ghisu's life?
- 3. What were Ghisu and Madhav doing sitting by the fire?

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- **4.** Why was the narrator of the story, *The Quilt* criticized by her mother?
- 5. Why did Nawab Saheb marry Begum Jaan?
- **6.** What is the 'light' referred to in the poem, Light, Oh Where is the Light?
- 7. To whom is the poem, When My Play Was With Thee addressed?
- **8.** What type of teeth does 'the void inside us' have?
- 9. Why does the poet, Muktibodh consider himself as a 'split-eared' man?
- 10. What does 'multitude' refer to in the poem, So Very Far?
- 11. "Someone has poured poison into the waters..." What is the poison referred to here?
- 12. Name the musical instrument mentioned in the poem, I Say unto Waris Shah.

- 13. "How many kgs of poems have you written for this month?" The quoted line is extracted from which poem?
- **14.** What is the function of the 'head' in the poem, *The Land of the Half-Humans*?
- **15.** When does the sun shine as mentioned in the poem, *The Land of the Half-Humans?*
- 16. Who is Ashwatthama?
- 17. For how many days did the Kurukshetra War continue?
- 18. What is an epilogue?
- 19. Name the capital city of the Pandava Kingdom.
- **20.** Who is the Chariot driver of king Dhritarashtra?
- 21. In which Indian language was the novel, Untouchable Spring originally written?
- 22. Who is Subhadra?

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- 23. Name the character who knew numerous secrets of the Puranas.
- 24. Who has the strength to move Kamadhenu?
- 25. Who are the Malas?

SECTION—B

Answer any five questions of the following:

 $2 \times 5 = 10$

- 26. How did Budhiya die?
- 27. What does it imply when the narrator says that Nawab Saheb tucked Begum Jaan away with his other possessions?
- **28.** How is 'misery' personified in the poem, Light, Oh Where is the Light?
- **29.** What does the poet mean by 'void' in the poem, *The Void*?
- **30.** Why does the poetess invoke the spirit of Waris Shah?
- **31.** What did the poet see inside the bathroom of a rich man as mentioned in the poem, *Dali, Hussain, or Odour of Dream, Colour of Wind?*

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- 32. What was the curse of Gandhari for Krishna?
- 33. How does the play, Andha Yug end?
- **34.** What is the attitude of the upper castes towards the Dalits in *Untouchable Spring?*
- 35. Why did Jassi join the Naxalite movement?

SECTION—C

Answer any five questions of the following:

 $8 \times 5 = 40$

- **36.** Assess the significance of the title of the short story, *The Shroud* by Premchand.
- 37. Discuss the theme(s) of Ismat Chughtai's The Quilt.
- **38.** Briefly discuss the central idea of the poem, Light, Oh Where is the Light.
- **39.** Justify the significance of the title of the poem, *The Void*.
- **40.** Briefly discuss the theme(s) of Amrita Pritam's poem, I Say unto Waris Shah.

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- **41.** Write a note on the structure of the poem, Dali, Hussain, or Odour of Dream, Colour of Wind.
- **42.** Discuss the theme(s) of Dharamvir Bharati's Andha Yug.
- **43.** Discuss in brief Gandhari's character as portrayed in *Andha Yug*.
- **44.** Assess *Untouchable Spring* as a depiction of the untold Dalit experience.
- 45. Give a brief character sketch of Yellanna.

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