

**FOURTH SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
APRIL 2020**

English

ENG 4A 06—READINGS IN FICTION AND NON-FICTION

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :—

1 Which town is referred to as the 'White Man's Grave' ?

- (a) Rhodesia. (b) Pungwi.  
(c) Buzi. (d) Beira.

2 The Portuguese in Africa had an antipathy against which language ?

- (b) Scandinavian. (b) Dutch.  
(c) English. (d) Hindi.

3 What is Mira's profession ?

- (a) A journalist. (b) A teacher.  
(c) A writer. (d) A social activist.

4 Which among the following is an autobiographical work of S. K. Pottekkatt ?

- (a) The Story of an Indian. (b) The Story of My Life.  
(c) The Story of A Place. (d) The Story of a Village.

5 Gavaskar's father introduced him to which cricket player and coach ?

- (a) Kamal Bhandarkar. (b) Ravi Shastri.  
(c) Sanjay Bangar. (d) Sunil Bhandarkar.

6 Why wasn't Bishen Singh considered for the first Test ?

- (b) Medical reasons. (b) Personal reasons.  
(c) Disciplinary reasons. (d) None of the above.

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- 7 Pottekkatt met Mr. K. S. Menon at :
- (a) Mlangali. (b) Iringa.  
(c) Igawa. (d) Savohil.
- 8 Who is Nan-kaka ?
- (a) Mr. Bhandarkar. (b) Mr. Narayan Masurekar.  
(c) Sudhir Naik. (d) None of the above.
- 9 Which place is referred to as the 'naval of the subcontinent' ?
- (a) Hyderabad. (b) Mumbai.  
(c) Kochi. (d) Namplilly.
- 10 Gavaskar was the lead actor in the Marathi filmi :
- (a) Bhindaast. (b) Natsamrat.  
(c) Chaukat Raja. (d) Savli Premachi.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer in *a sentence* or *two* any *ten* questions. Each question carries 2 marks :

- 11 What is a travelogue ?
- 12 What is a baobab ?
- 13 How did the Gujarati shop owners selling cloth to the natives in African villages deceive them ?
- 14 Why did the author call Beira 'a source of great relief for the Indians, when compared to other places in Africa ?
- 15 What is an autobiography ?
- 16 Which is Sunil Gavaskar's mother tongue ?
- 17 What are the three options of punishment that a white man gave Kappiri for theft and other such offences ?
- 18 Define the term 'innings'.
- 19 What is fiction ?
- 20 Name two other Malayali novelists who write in English.

21 Why was Rameeza Be hidden in the police station ?

22 Where did Maitreyamma keep her pet snake ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words. Each question carries 5 marks :

23 Write a brief note on the Swahili language.

24 Describe S. K. Pottekkat's experiences in South Rhodesia.

25 Describe the two experiences of Gavaskar that made him aware of the importance of physical fitness.

26 Recount Gavaskar's disappointments during the West Indies tour of India.

27 Comment on Meena Alexander's narrative style in *Nampally Road* ?

28 Briefly discuss the character of Ramu.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words. Each question carries 15 marks :

29 Describe Pottekkatt's view of the Dark Continent.

30 Write about the Indians in the African government service.

31 Describe the achievements of Sunil Gavaskar as a cricketer.

32 Describe the significance of Rameeza's suffering in the novel.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)