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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – NOV/ DEC 2025

OPTIONAL ENGLISH - I SEMESTER BA (F+R)

24UBA14B: INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: Answer all the questions

SECTION A

(Prose)

I. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in a page: (1x10=10)

1. Define Literature and explain why the study of Literature is important.
2. Examine the debate and charges against Indian English Literature with reference to M.K Naik's *A History of Indian English Literature*.

II. Write a short note on ANY TWO of the following questions: (2x5=10)

1. Elements of Literature.
2. Role of Language in Literature
3. Discuss the relationship between Literature and Life with suitable examples.

SECTION B

(Poetry)

III. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in a page: (1x10=10)

1. Critically appreciate *Ode to a Nightingale* by John Keats.
2. Discuss the theme of choice and consequences in Robert Frost's *The Road Not Taken*.

IV. Write a short note on ANY TWO of the following questions: (2x5=10)

1. Patriotism in Henry Derozio's *To India – My Native Land*.
2. Poetic devices used in *Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead*.
3. Comment *Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead* as a poem of grief and love.

SECTION C

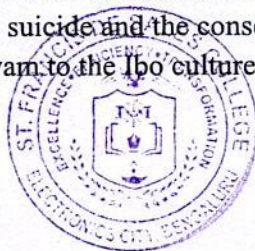
(Novel)

V. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in a page: (1x10=10)

1. Analyze the character of Okonkwo, focusing on his fear of weakness and failure.
2. Explain the significance of the title, *Things Fall Apart* to the novel's main events.

VI. Write short notes on ANY TWO of the following questions: (2x5=10)

1. Identify and explain the significance of Okonkwo's exile to Mbanta
2. Explain why Okonkwo commits suicide and the consequences of his action.
3. Describe the importance of the yam to the Ibo culture and economy.



SECTION D

(Short story & One Act Play)

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in a page:

(1x10=10)

1. How does Mulk Raj Anand portray social hierarchy in *The Barber's Trade Union*?
2. Comment on the theme of gender and utopia in *Sultana's Dream*.

VIII. Write a short note on ANY TWO of the following questions.

(2x5=10)

1. Satire in *The Barber's Trade Union*.
 2. Symbolism in *Dr. Heidegger's Experiment*.
 3. Explain in detail the significance of the monkey's paw in the one act play.
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