

SRIKRISHNA COLLEGE, BAGULA

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

UG 6TH SEMESTER TEST EXAMINATION 2023

COURSE CODE: ENGH-CC-T-14

Full Marks: 30

GROUP-A

1. Answer any five of the following questions: 2 X 5 = 10

- a) What is the significance of the castration episode in Bessie Head's "The Collector of Treasures"?
- b) Why is Nana obsessed with Adjoa's legs in Ama Ata Aidoo's short-story "The Girl Who Can"?
- c) Why, according to the story *The Girl Who Can*, the school was a waste of time?
- d) How does Nyagar die in "The Green Leaves"?
- e) In the poem "Tonight I Can Write", the speaker claims to be able to write "the saddest lines." Do you think this claim is true?
- f) Briefly comment on the symbol of "an eagle's eyrie" in Neruda's poem "The Way Spain Was"
- g) Briefly explain the significance of the image of the maggots in "A Far Cry from Africa".
- h) To whom is the poem "Names" by Derek Walcott dedicated? Why does the poet use the expression "damned little Arabs!" in his poem "Names"?
- i) Why does the narrator in the poem "Small Towns and Rivers" say that "the river has a soul"?
- j) Explain briefly the line "Love is so short, forgetting is so long."
- k) "Brought a gift of fish"- locate and annotate.

2. Answer any two of the following questions: 5 X 2 = 10

- a) Write a short note on Dikeledi's crime in *The Collector of Treasures*.
 - b) Write a short note on internal and external conflicts in the short story *The Girl Who Can*.
 - c) What is the main conflict in *The Green Leaves*?
 - d) "Losing could help one to learn the preciousness of life." Explain with reference to 'Tonight I Can Write' by Pablo Neruda.
 - e) Discuss Neruda's attitude towards Spain in *The Way Spain Was*?
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- f) "Derek Walcott's poetry addresses the post-colonial issues of identity and history." —Discuss shortly with reference to "A Far Cry from Africa".
 - g) How does Mamang Dai's poem "Small Towns and the River" represent the theme of immortality?
 - h) What is the significance of the mountain in Mamang Dai's poem "The Voice of the Mountain"?

GROUP-B

3. Answer any one of the following questions: 10 X 1 = 10

- a) Consider *Things Fall Apart* as a Post-Colonial novel.
- b) Discuss the significance of the title of the novel *Things Fall Apart*.
- c) Discuss the theme of Hope and Despair in *No One Writes to the Colonel*.
- d) Characteristics difference between the Colonel and his wife in *No One Writes to the Colonel*.