

2023

Time - 3 hours

Full Marks - 80

Answer all groups as per instructions.

Figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

GROUP – A

1. Answer all questions. [1 × 12
- (a) What is the first line of Albert Camus's *The Outsider* ?
 - (b) What is the philosophy behind *The Outsider* ?
 - (c) Where does Meursault live at the start of the novel ?
 - (d) What mode of transport does Meursault take to the village where his mother's retirement home is located ?
 - (e) When was *A Bend in the River* written ?
 - (f) What does Metty's name mean ?
 - (g) What academic discipline does Raymond study ?
 - (h) Where did Grant and Fiona first meet ?
 - (i) How old is Fiona when she checks in to Meadowlake ?

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- (j) In what language was the poem, *Tonight I can Write* originally written ?
- (k) Give an example of synecdoche in the poem *Tonight I can Write*.
- (l) What was Octavio Paz's writing style ?

GROUP – B

2. Answer any eight of the following questions within two to three sentences each. [2 × 8
- (a) What are some of Albert Camus's most notable works ?
 - (b) What is the message of *The Outsider* by Camus ?
 - (c) What significance does the concept of 'Homelessness' have in *A Bend in the River* ?
 - (d) What is the major conflict in *A Bend in the River* ?
 - (e) What is the significance of the title *The Bear Came over the Mountain* ?
 - (f) What does the Bear symbolize ?
 - (g) In what language was the poem, *Tonight I can Write* originally written ?
 - (h) What type of stanzas make up this poem ?
 - (i) Why Raymond abuse his girlfriend ?
 - (j) Why does Ferdinand leave the town ?

GROUP – C

3. Answer any eight of the following questions within 75 words each.

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- (a) What is Raymond's job ?
- (b) Why does Marie want to marry Meursault ?
- (c) How is post-colonialism represented in V.S. Naipaul's novel *A Bend in the River* ?
- (d) Is there a pessimistic vision in *A Bend in the River* ?
- (e) Write the four types of conflict present in *The Bear Came over the Mountain*.
- (f) What is the irony of the story *The Bear Came over the Mountain* ?
- (g) What symbolism did Pablo Neruda use in *Tonight I can Write* ?
- (h) How is Neruda's poem *Tonight I can Write* an elegy ?
- (i) Why does Octavio Paz compare the world to a rock in *Between Going and Staying the Day Weavers* ?
- (j) What is the tone of the poem, *Between Going and Staying the Day Weavers* ?

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GROUP – D

Answer **all** questions within 500 words each.

4. *The Outsider* contains a strong resonance of Camus's philosophical notion of absurdity. Discuss. [7]

OR

Sketch the character of Meursault.

5. Throw your idea on the theme of dislocation while presenting the characters in *A Bend in The River*. [7]

OR

Sketch the character of Salim.

6. Discuss the significance of Alice Munro's choice of title *The Bear Came over the Mountain*. [7]

OR

Determine Munro's message in the story *The Bear Came over the Mountain* regarding the subject of marriage.

7. Critically appreciate Pablo Neruda's *Tonight I can Write*. [7]

OR

Discuss Octavio Paz's 'Motion'.