DECEMBER 2024 **U/ID 31551/UCR6A**

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

I. Answer any TEN questions in about 30 words each.

1. Name the friends who had close contact with Rushdie after the fatwa was issued against him.

2. Write a note on Arundhati Roy's concern about the Environment with reference to her essay "The Bomb and I?"

3. What is the opinion of Seamus Heaney on the blackberry juice?

4. What does the title "A Far Cry from Africa" suggest?

5. What does the caged bird symbolize in Angelou's poem?

6. Name the organ donors in the play *Harvest.*

7. Write a note on the role and character of Virgil in the play *Harvest.*

8. What happens to Jerry in the training session to get through the tunnel?

9. Write a brief note on the setting and the time of the story "The Eye".

10. Whom did Ruma's father love and write letters in the story "Unaccustomed Earth"?

11. Who is the protagonist of the novel *Life of Pi* and which is his native place?

12. What does hyena symbolize in the novel *Life of Pi?*

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

II. Answer any FIVE questions in about 200 words each.

13. Bring out the personal aspects discussed in the memoir of Salman Rushdie.

14. Consider the poem "Black Berry-Picking" as a nostalgic one.

15. Discuss the character and role played by Jaya in the play *Harvest.*

16. How does Munro bring out the mother-daughter dynamics in the story 'The Eye'?

17. What were the opinions of the women on the drowned man and what did they do for him?

18. How did the presence of Richard Parker influence the attitude of Pi during his journey?

19. Why does Pi offer two different versions of his strengths?

PART C — ($3 \times 10 = 30$ marks)

III. Answer any THREE questions in about 500 words each.

20. How does Roy dismantle the nuclear weapon with a pen?

21. Examine the poem "A Far Cry from Africa" as the poet's personal credo.

22. Consider Manjula Padmanabhan's play *Harvest,* a futuristic dystopian play.

23. Discuss the conflict in the story of Lessing's "Through the Tunnel".

24. How does Pi's faith in multiple religions shape his character and his ability to cope with adversity?

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