MAY 2023 **U/ID 31551/UCR6A**

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer any TEN questions in 30 words each:

1. How did Salmon Rushdie come to know the 'Fatwa' and what was it for?

2. What is the significance of May 1998? Why does Arundhati Roy doubt that it will go down in history books?

3. What is the main theme of the poem, "Black Berry Picking"?

4. Whom does the free bird represent in the poem, "I know Why the Caged Bird Sings"?

5. What is the play, *Harvest* about?

6. How does Ginni come to control OmPrakash's entire family until the end of the play, *Harvest?*

7. What does the short story *The Eye* concern about?

8. How many generations are there *in The Medicine Bag?* And What do they represent?

9. Mention the transformative effective of a dead man in *The Handsomest Drowned Man in the World.*

10. In "Unaccustomed Earth", what is the tension in the relationship between Ruma and her father?

11. What does Richard Parker symbolize in *Life of Pie* ?

12. How is fear important to *Pi* in *Life of Pie* ?

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions in 200 words each:

13. What did Salman Rushdie say about freedom of speech in "Joseph Anton: A Memoir"?

14. What are the consequences of a nuclear war?

15. How does Soyinka explore the tragedy of Hamlet?

16. How is Manjula Padmanabhan's *Harvest* a dystopian play?

17. Write a brief sketch on the character of Jerry in, *Through the Tunnel.*

18. How do the stories in *Unaccustomed Earth* offer a moving, highly original perspective on the clash between family and cultural traditions and the search for individual identity?

19. Why does Pi offer two different versions of his story in *Life of Pie* ?

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions in 500 words each:

20. *Joseph Anton: A Memoir* is memoir of British-Indian contemporary novelist Salman Rushdie-Discuss.

21. Justify the title of the poem, "A Far Cry From Africa".

22. Sketch the character of OmPrakash in Manjula Padmanabhan's *Harvest.*

23. Narrate the short story, *The Medicine Bag* by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve.

24. Discuss the importance of believability in this novel, *Life of Pie.*

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