



Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women

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Coimbatore - 641 043, Tamil Nadu, India

Master's Degree Examination – May 2025 II Semester

Class : I P.G.
Major : English

Time: 3 Hours
Max. Marks: 100

23MENC10 Women Writings in English

Course Outcomes:

CO1: Acquire insight into the distinct qualities of works written by women

CO2: Explore themes and narrative strategies of women writers

CO3: Explore contemporary relevance of the women's issues in literary works

CO4: Recognise the intersections between gender and other socio-cultural identities

CO5: Analyse and engage in theoretical and scholarly debate about issues in women writings in English

Part A Choose the Correct Answer

10 x 1 = 10

1. What type of poem is "Poem at Thirty-Nine" by Alice Walker? CO1K1
a. Recollection b. Social c. Reminisce d. Absurd
2. What does the number 'thirty nine' mean? CO1K1
a. Calendar date b. Age c. Door number d. Amount
3. Where does the woman spend her time? CO2K1
a. British Library b. British park c. British Museum d. British Airport
4. Who is an example of the tragic fate? CO2K1
a. Judith Shakespeare b. William Shakespeare c. Mary Shakespeare d. Judith Wright
5. To whom Marian takes her breaks? CO3K1
a. Old woman b. Aged watchman c. Lonely girl d. Trio of young women
6. What is the survey done by Marian? CO3K1
a. Dear lord b. Beer commercial c. Honey taste d. Tea leaf
7. What is used to separate the admonishments and words of wisdom? CO4K1
a. Full stop b. Colon c. Semicolons d. Hyphen
8. What is the mother's advice to her daughter? CO4K1
a. Caustic and castigating b. Don't be proud c. Not to be pride d. Don't worry
9. Who is denoted as "rather dramatic-looking"? CO5K1
a. Beneatha Younger b. Walter Lee Younger c. Joseph Asagai d. Ruth Younger
10. What does Asagai symbolize in "A Raisin in the Sun"? CO5K1
a. Black trial b. Black beauty c. Black friendship d. Blackidentity

Part B

5 x 6 = 30

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages

- 11.a. Discuss the "Poem at Thirty-Nine" as nostalgia, poem. CO1K2
(or)
- 11.b. Outline: "Still I Rise" is a powerful and empowering poem by Maya Angelou. CO1K2

- 12.a. Estimate Woolf's assertion about unequal treatment of women by men. CO2K4
- (or)
- 12.b. Appraise your ideas on the need of equality portrayed by Mary Wollstonecraft in "Examples of the harm done". CO2K4
- 13.a. Discuss Margaret Atwood as a feminist with special reference to "The Edible Woman". CO3K3
- (or)
- 13.b. Explain "Half of a Yellow Sun" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is a historical fiction. CO3K3
- 14.a. Illustrate the characteristic features of 'The Daughter' in "Girl" by Jamaica Kincaid. CO4K2
- (or)
- 14.b. Discuss the aspects of racial and class prejudice dealt in "Revelation" by Flannery O'Connor. CO4K2
- 15.a. Estimate the character of Walter in "Raisin in the Sun". CO5K4
- (or)
- 15.b. Dissect the Socio-political context dealt in "Spreading the News". CO5K4

Part C

5 x 12 = 60

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages

- 16.a. Integrate the key themes of the poem "Poem at Thirty-Nine". CO1K6
- (or)
- 16.b. How does the repetition of the phrase, "I rise" affect the tone and overall impact of the poem "Still I Rise"? CO1K6
- 17.a. Appraise Woolf turns to history to look for 'facts' in "A Room of One's Own". CO2K4
- (or)
- 17.b. Survey Mary Wollstonecraft's perspectives on inequalities between men and women through "A Vindication of the Rights of Woman". CO2K4
- 18.a. Summarize The role of women as mothers is challenged in the novel "The Edible Woman". CO3K5
- (or)
- 18.b. Discuss the central theme of the novel "Half of a Yellow Sun". CO3K5
- 19.a. Interpret the characteristic features of 'The Mother' in "Girl" by Jamaica Kincaid. CO4K3
- (or)
- 19.b. Demonstrate the themes of self-awareness, prejudice, and religion in "Revelation" by Flannery O'Connor. CO4K3
- 20.a. Determine the impact of Racial Discrimination with special reference to "A Raisin in the Sun". CO5K2
- (or)
- 20.b. Discuss "Spreading the News" as a satire. CO5K2
