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Continuous Internal Assessment I – August 2024
Semester V

Class: III UG
Major: English

Time: 2 hours
Max. Marks: 60

21BENC15 – African American Writing

Course outcomes:

At the end of the course, students will:

1. Know African American writing at different periods
2. Study different themes in the works of African American writers
3. Analyse the language and techniques of the African American writers
4. Study the problems of the African American community
5. Appreciate values and culture of the African American community

Part A

6x1=6

Choose the correct answer

1. Who coined the term 'Civil Disobedience'? CO1 K4
a. W.H Davies b. Henry David Thoreau c. Henry Fielding d. Toni Morrison
2. _____ was the first woman to write her own slave narrative in 1861. CO4 K3
a. Zilpha Elaw b. Alice Walker c. Judie Smith d. Harriet Jacobs
3. The poem "The Black Family Pledge" by Maya Angelou was published in _____. CO1K2
 a. 1982 b. 1983 c. 1882 d. 1883
4. Alice Walker coined the term _____ to describe the themes of her literary and advocacy efforts. CO2K2
a. feminist b. womanist c. activist d. champion
5. James Baldwin examines the subject of _____ from a different perspective. CO2K3
a. culturalism b. Sexism c. racism d. Lynching
6. Alice Walker won _____ for her literary work 'The Colour Purple'. CO5K2
a. Booker Prize b. Pulitzer Prize c. the Nobel Prize in Literature d. The PEN America Literary Awards

Part B

3x6 =18

Answer ALL Questions

Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages

7. a. What are the contributions made by African American women writers to literature? CO2K3
(Or)
7. b. Explain the Reconstruction Era in African-American literature. CO1K6
8. a. Discuss the structure and form employed in Maya Angelou's poem "The Black Family Pledge". CO3K3
(Or)
8. b. Critically analyse Alice Walker's poem "Torture"? CO4K4
9. a. Explain the significance of James Baldwin's title "Going to Meet the Man". CO3K2
(Or)
9. b. Elucidate the themes in "Going to Meet the Man"? CO2K4

PART-C

3x12=36

Answer ALL Questions

Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages

10. a. Discuss the evolution of African American literature. CO1K2
(Or)
10. b. Explain in detail the two forms of narratives used in African American literature. CO3K4
11. a. Compare and Contrast the perspectives of Maya Angelou and Alice Walker. CO3K5
(Or)
11. b. Justify the title significance of Alice Walker and Maya Angelou's poems. CO3K6

12. a. Explain in detail the historical background of James Baldwin's "Going to Meet the Man".

CO4K2

(Or)

12. b. Discuss the flashbacks recollected by Jesse in detail.

CO5K2

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