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B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2019

SEMESTER – 6: ENGLISH (CORE COURSE)

COURSE: 15U6CRENG13 - COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

(Common for Regular - 2016 Admission / Supplementary-Improvement 2015 admission)

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

PART A

Attempt the following questions in a word or sentence.

- 1. Name a few Canadian comparatists.
- 2. The steamship Himavan was hired for which purpose?
- 3. Who translated Tagore's Gitanjali into English?
- 4. The first significant work on Comparatism in English.
- 5. Who is considered by the Russians as the founding father of comparative literature?
- 6. Why does Tagore promise the Lord that he will keep his body pure?
- 7. Name a novel in verse form.
- 8. Goethe's 'stoff' and 'geholt'.
- 9. Who wrote *Theory of Literature*?
- 10. The 'fifth' character in the play *The Glass Menagerie*, according to Tom. (1 x 10 = 10)

PART B

II. Answer any eight of the following questions, each in two or three sentences.

- 11. Tagore's description of the Lord's music.
- 12. Evan-Zohar on translation and cultural change.
- 13. Thomas Mann's critique of body-soul binary in *The Transposed Heads*.
- 14. Why does the Buddha say "now I go to help the World/ This last of many times . . . "?
- 15. Sundara Ramaswamy's description of the 'Locals Only' compartment for the kaffirs on the train.
- 16. The German School of Comparative Literature.
- 17. Give examples from literature to validate Susan Bassnett's argument that the reading of one author automatically leads to another.
- 18. Tom's analysis of the symbolic aspects of the 'gentleman caller'.
- 19. Susan Bassnett's definition of Comparative Literature.
- 20. Queen Maya's dream. (2 x 8 = 16)

PART C

III. Answer any five of the following, each in 50 words.

- 21. The relevance of Comparative Literature in the Indian context.
- 22. Goddess Kali's evaluation of the actions of Devadatta, Kapila and Padmini.
- 23. Benedetto Croce's critique of Comparative Literature.
- 24. How does Nayanar and Sri James connect the broken cable episode with legendary Dwarka.
- 25. Comparative Literature and the growth of national consciousness in the third world.
- 26. The high cost of individual freedom as opposed to the comfort of conformity in *Listen to Me.*
- 27. 'World Literature'. $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

PART D

IV. Answer any two, each in not less than 300 words.

- 28. The plight of Tamil labourers in Africa with special reference to Naidoo.
- 29. The quest for wholeness in *Hayavadana*.
- 30. The theme of fragility in *The Glass Menagerie*.
- 31. How did Indian thought and philosophy influence American transcendentalism in the 19th century and vice versa? $(12 \times 2 = 24)$
