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B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2024 SEMESTER 6 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE MODEL I

COURSE: 19U6CRENL15B - MODERN MALAYALAM LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION

(For Regular 2021 Admission and Supplementary 2020 Admission)

Time : Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

PART A

Answer All (1 mark each)

- 1. What are the alternative titles Basheer gives in the opening of "The Walls"?
- 2. Who is Abida?
- 3. What happens to the mother in "Neypayasam"?
- 4. What is the role of the twig in "The Walls"?
- 5. Name any two works by Kamala Das/Madhavikkutty (other than the ones prescribed).
- 6. Who is Sivaraman Nair?
- 7. Name the Malayalam poet who also a renowned critic, professor, and one of the pioneers of translation theory in India.
- 8. "...once eaten, the grief would not bite me." Identify the poem in which this line appears.
- 9. Which foreign university did Ravi get the chance to study at?
- 10. Name the three children in "Neypayasam."

 $(1 \times 10 = 10)$

PART B

Answer any 8 (2 marks each)

- 11. What is "kanjo" according to Basheer?
- 12. Bring out the 'ocean imagery' in "The Visit."
- 13. Why was Vasu's father returning home?
- 14. What is Ravi feeling guilty about?
- 15. What does the poet do when 'onam returns'?
- 16. What question does the warder ask in response to Basheer's question, "where did it come from, the woman's laugh?"?
- 17. Examine sweeping as a metaphor in Anitha Thampi's poem.
- 18. What is Narayani's reply when Basheer asks her how she came to know of his roses?
- 19. Why were Chanthumuthu and Chanthumma waiting for Kunjunooru to grow up?
- 20. Why does Janu make up alter-egos?

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$

PART C

Answer any 5 (5 marks each)

- 21. Decribe the events that lead to the concealment of the hole in the wall.
- 22. What is the significance of the final couplet in the poem "Sweeping the Front Yard"?
- 23. Analyse the theme of morality in *The Legends of Khasak*.
- 24. Describe Basheer's "deluxe life" in prison.
- 25. Write a note on the social commentary in "The Theft."
- 26. Describe the fight between Ravi and Nizam Ali.
- 27. Attempt a short note on the differences in parenting seen in "For You" and "Neypayasam."

 $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

PART D Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

- 28. "Balamani Amma universalizes the domestic scene through her poetry." Discuss with reference to "The Pen."
- 29. "Madhavikutty invites our attention to the universal struggle of coping with sudden losses." Elucidate.
- 30. Legends of Khasak is woven with realism and mythology. Elucidate.
- 31. "Basheer's camaraderie with Narayani has a therapeutic effect on him." Discuss.

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$