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ENGLISH

Honours Core)

Paper: ENG-HC-6026

(Post-colonial Literature)

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

- 1. Answer the following as directed: 1×10=10
 - (a) How does Okonkwo die?
 - (b) What does the different 'coloured shirt' signify in the poem, Revolving Days?
 - (c) What is the name of Dikeledi's eldest son?
 - (d) Why did the narrator want to see the legs of other women who had children?
 - (e) Arjie falls in love with _____.

(Fill in the blank)

- (f) What is Kirhupfumia?
- (g) Which African tribe is mentioned in A Far Cry from Africa?
- (h) How does the speaker describe the lover's eyes in Tonight I Can Write?
- (i) Who performed the autopsy of Santiago Nasar?
- (j) What was Nyagar's real intention with the dead body of the thief?
- **2.** Answer the following questions: $2 \times 5 = 10$
 - (a) Name the two sisters that Vilie meets.
 - (b) How does Nyagar die in the story, The Green Leaves?
 - (c) What is an egwugwu?
 - (d) Who is Radha Aunty in Funny Boy?

 Mention the name of the play that she participated.
 - (e) What did Nana think about the education of girls?

3. Answer any four of the following questions:

5×4=20

- (a) Justify the title of Easterine Kire's When the River Sleeps.
- (b) Comment on the friendship between Nwoye and Ikemefuna and the impact of the latter's death on the former in the context of the events in Things Fall Apart.
- (c) Narrate briefly how 'Her Fatness' destroyed the game Bride Bride and get Arjie out of the game forever.
- (d) Attempt a character sketch of Olielo.
- (e) Discuss briefly the theme of alienation and loneliness in the poem, Tonight I Can Write.
- (f) "There were two kinds of men in the world." Discuss Bessie Head's views on men with reference to The Collector of Treasures.
- **4.** Answer any *four* of the following questions: $10 \times 4 = 40$
 - (a) "The community always prevails over the individual." Discuss with reference to Things Fall Apart.

- (b) Analyze the character of Nyagar in The Green Leaves.
- (c) Discuss the social and historical context of the novel, Chronicle of a Death Foretold.
- (d) "Derek Walcott's poetry address the post-colonial issues of identity and history." Discuss with reference to the poems prescribed in the course.
- (e) Discuss how in Funny Boy, Selvadurai explores the theme of homosexuality in a homophobic world.
- (f) "Women writers in Africa write with the intention of giving voice and agency to the women across the continent." Discuss with reference to the two short stories from your course.
- (g) Discuss David Malouf as a poet who focuses primarily on memory and nostalgia in his poetry. Examine in the context of the prescribed poems.
- (h) "When the River Sleeps explores the protagonist Vilie's journey of selfdiscovery." Discuss.