



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH

FIFTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

UEL 5504 – SUBALTERN LITERATURE

Date: 10-04-2024

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A

I. Answer ALL the questions

(10X2=20 marks)

1. Bring out the humour in the poem “A Letter to the Front”.
2. Explain the irony in the poem “A Subaltern”.
3. How does Carl Sandberg highlight the importance of the working class in Chicago?
4. How does Bandhu Madhav capture the sufferings of the Dalits without land and Livelihood in “The Poisoned Bread”?
5. Write about the “Freedom” that Nelson Mandela talks about.
6. “He told me that he’d been having a bloody time in the trenches...” Explain the line.
7. Define the term subaltern.
8. What is tradition according to Paul Gilroy?
9. _____ was murdered by _____ in *Seven Steps Around the Fire*.
10. Define Diaspora.

SECTION B

II. Answer ANY 4 of the following questions in about 250 words each:

(4X10=40 marks)

11. Critically analyze the poem “Siddhartha Nagar” written by Daya Pawar.
12. Why does Carl Sandburg insist on remembering history?
13. Write an essay on the themes and concerns in “Harlem Shadows”.
14. Attempt a character sketch of Uma in Dattani’s *Seven Steps around the Fire*.
15. Comment on the significance of Dr. Ambedkar’s speech at Mahad.
16. Discuss the central ideas in Mandela’s “Freedom Speech”.
17. Attempt a critical analysis of the novel *The Outcaste*.
18. Examine the binaries that exist in terms of power and ownership and its role in the formation of the ‘other’ and the ‘self’.

SECTION C

III. Answer ANY 2 questions in about 350 words each:

(2X20=40 marks)

19. Critically analyze the pathos in Claude McKay’s “Harlem Shadows”.
20. Explain the texts in your syllabus for subaltern themes and concerns.
21. Evaluate Dattani’s *Seven Steps around the Fire* as a study of the oppression of transgenders.
22. Susan Abulhawa’s *The Blue between the Sky and Water* is an exploration of human resilience and the enduring bonds of family and community. Justify.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$