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Fifth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, December 2023 First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Core Course - VI

EN 1541 : LITERATURE OF LATE 20TH CENTURY AND 21ST CENTURY (2020 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or sentence.
- 1. What was the traumatic experience that Denise Riley passed through in 2008?
- 2. Which character is never seen onstage in The Homecoming?
- 3. From which author did Maya Angelou borrowed the title of her poem?
- 4. Name two Afro-American women poets.
- 5. What job does Twyla do, eight years after she leaves the orphanage?
- 6. Which mode the digital work High Muck A Muck was created?
- 7. Who is the narrator of the short story Recitatif?
- 8. What is the title 'Ragtime'?
- 9. Who coined the word 'Hypertext'?
- 10. What is intertextuality?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- II. Answer any eight questions in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.
- 11 What is Metafiction?
- 12. Chatterbox.
- 13. What do you mean by Dystopia?
- 14. Briefly explain Pastiche.
- 15. What are interactive texts?
- 16. Write a short note on Insta poems.
- 17. Electracy and literacy.
- 18. How is life for immigrants in New York portrayed in Chapter 3 of Ragtime?

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- 19. What does the orchard in Recitatif represent?
- 20. Explain Minimalism.
- 21. To whom is the narrator in "The Mother" speaking?
- 22. New Negro Movement.

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

- III. Answer any six questions in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
- 23. Comment on the music in high Muck a Muck: Playing Chinese.
- 24. Why do you think that Gwendolyn Brooks calls the poem "the mother" instead of abortions?
- 25. Whose homecoming is it in The Homecoming?
- 26. Maja Lunde leaves open the possibility of a way of life that values the collective over the individual. Share your observations.
- 27. Who is the narrator in the story 'Recitacif'?

- 28. Describe the features of digital literature.
- 29. Consider Ragtime as an example for historical fiction.
- 30. Loss of grasp Loss of Grasp is a narrative and interactive experience about the feeling of losing grasp. Share your observations.
- 31. Intertextuality in Along the Birny Beach this generative poem J.R. Carpenter.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$

- IV. Answer any two questions in 300 words.
- 32. "Abortions will not let you forget". How far does Gwendolyn Brooks successful in handling a complicated issue In *The Mother*?
- 33. Discuss Harold Pinter's The Homecoming as a social commentary on gender and class issues.
- 34. How do some of the main characters serve allegorical roles in Ragtime? What movements or social trends are they intended to represent?
- 35. African-American literature exists both inside and outside American literature. Substantiate with your own points.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks})$