

PART B – DESCRIPTIVE

Answer **any five** of the following questions. (5x5=25)

1. Discuss the role of English in modern India.
2. Write a note on gender politics in India with reference to Kamala Das' poem, "An Introduction."
3. Discuss Kamala Das' "An Introduction" as a confessional poem.
4. Discuss the importance of oral tradition with reference to Temsula Ao's poem, "The Old Storyteller."
5. Examine "Background Casually" as a poem that explores themes of identity and alienation.
6. "The Kaziranga Trails" is an adventure novel. Discuss.
7. Analyze the character of Phukan in the novel, "The Kaziranga Trails."
8. Write a note on illegal poaching and its consequences with reference to "The Kaziranga Trails."

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*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.*

PART A – OBJECTIVE

I. Choose the correct answers: (½x15=7½)

1. Where was kamala Das born?

- a) Delhi b) Calcutta c) Malabar

2. What is the theme of "An Introduction"?

- a) Love b) Identity c) Politics

3. What does the speaker seek from her husband in "An Introduction"?

- a) Physical strength
b) Emotional support
c) Financial support

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4. The speaker in "An Introduction" is
 - a) Proud of her womanliness
 - b) Angry of her womanliness
 - c) Ashamed of her womanliness.
5. In "Background Casually" the speaker calls himself a
 - a) Poet-rascal clown
 - b) Poet-Lover-Birdwatcher
 - c) Rabbi Saint
6. The speaker in "Background Casually" grew in terror of
 - a) Muslim sportsmen
 - b) Hindu lads
 - c) Undernourished Hindu lads
7. In "Background Casually," the speaker returned home on an English cargo ship carrying
 - a) Guns and shells
 - b) French guns and mortar shells
 - c) French tanks and missiles
8. Nissim Ezekiel made a commitment to stay in
 - a) India
 - b) London
 - c) Jerusalem
9. The Old storyteller told stories as her
 - a) Divine duty
 - b) Racial responsibility
 - c) Ancestral responsibility
10. In The Old Storyteller, the poet mentions
 - a) Warriors and were-wolves
 - b) warriors and were-tigers
 - c) Were tigers and various animals.

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11. The village drummer in Kaziranga Trail was
 - a) Baburam
 - b) Muniya
 - c) Bihua
 12. Who escaped from the poachers?
 - a) Dhanai
 - b) Bubul
 - c) Jonti
 13. Muniya was running scared as he was being chased by
 - a) Police dogs
 - b) Makhoni
 - c) A rhino
 14. The Old Story Teller's grandsons dismissed her stories as
 - a) Ancient stories
 - b) Ancient blabber
 - c) ancient gibberish
 15. What were Phukan's last words before he died?
 - a) "...too late,.. too late"
 - b) "You scoundrel!"
 - c) "Aha! At last..."
- II. Answer **any five** of the following questions briefly. (1x5=5)
1. Why was Kamala Das condemned for writing in English?
 2. How did Kamala Das ignore her womanliness in "An Introduction"?
 3. Why does the speaker in "Background Casually" call himself "a mugging Jew among wolves"?
 4. What does the speaker in the poem, "Background Casually" finally accept at the end?
 5. What is the proud legacy of The Old Story teller?
 6. Why did the grandfather warned not to forget the stories?
 7. How did Dhanai stop the bleeding from Makhoni's wounds?
 8. How did Phukan die?

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