

PART B – DESCRIPTIVE

Answer **any five** of the following questions. (5×2=25)

1. Explain the role of religion and caste in India.
2. Critically appreciate and analyze the usage of English in India.
3. How is the importance of wildlife conservation emphasized in “The Kaziranga Trail”?
4. How did the three boys help Mr. Neog in capturing the poachers?
5. How does Kamala Das’ - “An Introduction” address female issues in India?
6. “Background, Casually” is a poem about the poet’s search for meaning and identity. Explain?
7. “Grandfather constantly warned
That forgetting the stories
Would be catastrophic
We could lose our history....”

Explain the lines mentioned above.

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

PART A – OBJECTIVE

I . Choose the correct answers: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 15 = 7 \frac{1}{2}$)

1. Who was Bihua?

a) Mahout	b) Village drummer
c) Village headman	d) Village priest
2. Which poacher had the missing toe?

a) Muniya	b) Dhanai
c) Baburam	d) Balaram
3. Who evaded the poachers from the haunted house?

a) Jonti	b) Bubul
c) Dhanai	d) Dhanai and Bubul

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4. What is the meaning of the word “carcass”?
a) Dead body of an animal b) Rhino droppings
c) Skeleton of rhino d) Rhino horn
5. “The language I speak, Becomes mine, its distortions its queerness” what is the meaning of the word queerness?
a) Odd b) Unique
c) Wild d) Normal
6. Whose shirt and trousers did Kamala Das wore?
a) Cousin b) Brother
c) Uncle d) Father
7. At the end of the poem “An Introduction” the poet call herself
a) I b) Amy
c) Kamala d) Madhavikutty
8. Kamala Das can repeat names of those in power like
a) Days of holidays b) Days of week
c) Name of Nations d) Days of celebrations
9. What did the poet inherit from her grandfather?
a) Lore b) Chronicle
c) Primary treasure d) Six Stones
10. What came alive through the narration of tales?
a) Warriors and were-tigers b) Spirits and faeries
c) Warriors and were-wolves d) Lions and tigers
11. Temsula Ao wants to wrench the thieving guts of which animal?
a) Cat b) Cow
c) Were-tiger d) Dog

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12. One of the themes of “The Old Story Teller” is
a) Oral tradition b) Written tradition
c) Christian tradition d) Warrior tradition
 13. Who boxed Ezekiel’s Ear?
a) Undernourished Hindu lads
b) Muslim Sportsman
c) Roman Catholic Student
d) A Buddhist students
 14. At what age did the poet in “Background, Casually” go abroad?
a) 33 b) 23
c) 22 d) 24
 15. “The year I won the scripture prize.” why is the line ironical?
a) He is a Jew b) He is a Rabbi
c) He is a Buddhist Zen d) He is a Christian
- II. Answer **any five** of the following questions briefly. (1×5=5)
1. How was Mr. Bose poisoned?
 2. What clues did Jonti find inside the shelter?
 3. Why did the grandsons dismiss the stories as ancient gibberish?
 4. How did Ezekiel return to India from London?
 5. Why did Nissim Ezekiel felt lonely abroad?
 6. How did Kamala Das rebel against the society?
 7. How does Kamala Das define her “Language”?

(Turn Over)