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Name of the Paper : English Discipline

Name of the Course : B.A. (Prog.)

Semester : V

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt all questions.

**SECTION A**

1. (a) What do you understand by Post Colonial Writing ? Trace its central concerns through any one of the stories in your course. (10)

**OR**

- (b) Explain the term 'Cultural Alienation' as discussed by Ngugi wa Thiong'o.
2. (a) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow :

And when I said this my heart beat more firmly.

He heard me. He stood up. He manoeuvred with his oars and headed the boat towards me. He had accepted my offer. And suddenly I trembled, down deep. For he had raised his arm and waved----the first time in so many, so many years . And I couldn't.....

- (i) Identify the source of the lines. (2)
- (ii) Explain the context of these lines. (3)
- (iii) Analyse the narrator's state of mind. (5)

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OR

(b) Discuss the decisions taken by Balthazar in the story by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, *Balthazar's Marvellous Afternoon*.

3. (a) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : (10)

(i) A Church in Mbanta

(ii) Okonkwo's suicide

OR

(b) Bring out the significance of the story of the birds and the tortoise in *Things Fall Apart*.

### SECTION B

4. (a) Discuss the title of the story, *The Blue Bouquet* and bring out its significance. (15)

OR

(b) What do you understand by the term Magic Realism ? Analyse the story *The Third Bank of the River* in the light of your understanding of the term.

5. (a) Bring out the specific features of Gikuyu stories as discussed by Ngugi in his essay 'Decolonising the Mind'. (15)

OR

(b) What, according to Ngugi, is the connection between colonial education and the status of the English language in Kenya ?

6. (a) Discuss the significance of the title *Things Fall Apart*. Do you think it is appropriate ? Give reasons. (15)

OR

(b) Comment on the depiction of the role of women in Igbo society.