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**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) Post-colonial literatures have opened up new avenues in reading and studying about various world literatures. Explain with reference to any two texts in your course from two different regions. (10)

**Or**

- (b) According to you, is there a need of 'Decolonising the mind' in today's day and age? Justify your answer.

2. (a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The bag had lost its meaning; to find herself on the tram was a broken thread; she did not know what to do with the purchases on her lap. Like some strange music, the world started up again around her. The damage had been done. But why? Had she forgotten that there were blind people? Compassion choked her.

- (i) Identify the source of the given lines. (2)
- (ii) Explain the context of this passage. (2)
- (iii) Discuss '*compassion*' as a theme of this story? (5)

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Or

(b) Write a short note on the ending of *The Third Bank of the River*.

3. (a) Write a short note on the role of women in *Things Fall Apart*. (10)

Or

(b) Okonkwo is the epitome of the Shakespearean tragic hero. Discuss

### SECTION B

4. (a) 'The Blue Bouquet has a terrifying underlying meaning in the style of the Surrealists.' Discuss. (15)

Or

(b) 'The cage a symbol of the work of art in *Balthazar's Marvellous Afternoon*.' Discuss how its reception represents the attitude of the society towards art?

5. (a) Language is both a means of communication as well as a carrier of culture for Ngugi wa Thiongo. Discuss. (15)

Or

(b) In an essay Achebe states about *Things Fall Apart*: "Here then is an adequate revolution for me to espouse-to help my society regain belief in itself and put away the complexes of the years of denigration and self-abasement". In what ways do you feel that this novel places Achebe closer to the fulfillment of this aspiration?

6. (a) Discuss how the opening epigraph to the novel is an indicator of the chain of events that follow in *Things Fall Apart*. (15)

Or

(b) Discuss the significance of the friendship between Nwoye and Ikemefuna in *Things Fall Apart*.