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**Instructions for Candidates**

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2. Attempt all questions.

**SECTION A**

1. (a) Post-colonial literatures is essentially a "writing back" to the empire. Discuss. (10)

Or

- (b) Discuss Ngugi wa Thiong's central argument in 'Decolonising the Mind'.

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

I walked on, slowly, for a long while. I felt safe and free, because those great lips were pronouncing me so clearly, so joyously. The night was a garden of eyes.

- (i) Identify the source of the given lines. (2)
- (ii) Comment on the irony implicit in the 'I felt safe and free.' (3)
- (iii) Explain the significance of the last sentence of the given passage. (5)

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the significance of Balthazar's act of gifting the cage to Pepe. (10)

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3. (a) Write a short note on the relationship between Okonkwo and his children. (10)

Or

- (b) *Things Fall Apart* as a critique of Western ethnographic discourse.

### SECTION B

4. (a) 'A chance encounter with the blind man changes Anna in significant ways.' Discuss, with reference to Clarice Lispector's short story *Love*. (15)

Or

- (b) Analyse the father-son relationship in Rosá's *The Third bank of the River*.

5. (a) Discuss *why* Ngugi feels the need to write in his native language rather than in English. (15)

Or

- (b) 'Things Fall Apart has no storyline, but it is only an account of traditional Igbo society and its downfall.' Do you agree? Discuss.

6. (a) Women suffer great losses in *Things Fall Apart* but also, in certain circumstances, hold tremendous power. What role do women play in Okonkwo's life? Is there any difference between his interaction with specific women and his understanding of women and femininity in general? (15)

Or

- (b) The three generations of males in Okonkwo's family essentially represent three different worldviews. Discuss.