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MGU-UGP (HONOURS) Regular EXAMINATION October 2025

Third SEMESTER

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) - MG3DSEENG201 - READING CULTURE:

FOOD, TRAVEL AND MUSIC

(2024 ADMISSION ONWARDS)

Duration: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

***Remember(K), Understand(U), Apply(A), Analyse(An), Evaluate(E), Create(C), Skill(S), Interest(I)
and Appreciation(Ap)***

Students should attempt at least one question from each course outcome to enhance their overall outcome attainability.

Part A

MCQ

Answer all questions

Each question carries **1** marks

1. What is the narrative tone of "Chocolate" by Manju Kapur? [U] / [CO1]
 - a). Romantic
 - b). Dark and Irony
 - c). Tragic
 - d). Humourous
2. When does the poet start the pilgrimage to Wembley? [K] / [CO1]
 - a). Friday
 - b). Diwali
 - c). Sunday
 - d). Christmas
3. In the song "Anti-Hero," what does Taylor Swift say about getting older? [K] / [CO2]
 - a). She gains more wisdom
 - b). She gets older but never wiser
 - c). She becomes more successful
 - d). She feels happier
4. "Poromboke lands" are primarily meant for [A] / [CO2]
 - a). Industrial use
 - b). Agriculture for export
 - c). Shared community uses
 - d). Military bases

5. Which metaphor does Pico Iyer use to describe travel in relation to love? [K] / [CO3]
- a). Travel is a burden like love b). Travel is a commitment like love
c). Travel prevents love d). Every trip can be a love affair
6. Which example does Iyer give to show travel revises our ideas about the world? [K] / [CO3]
- a). Streets of Port-au-Prince in Haiti b). Beaches of Hawaii
c). Markets of London d). Temples of Kyoto
7. The essay "Indian Takeout Bringing the Flavours of Calcutta to Rhode Island in a Suitcase"? most strongly reflects themes of: [U] / [CO4]
- a). Political unrest b). Food scarcity
c). Cultural nostalgia d). Cooking techniques
8. What was director Shankar's original profession? [K] / [CO4]
- a). Engineer b). Doctor
c). Singer d). Teacher
9. Where was Gulliver's father's estate located in *Gulliver's Travels*? [K] / [CO4]
- a). Yorkshire b). Nottinghamshire
c). Kent d). Sussex
10. The melancholic "first meal" after return from India shows: [K] / [CO4]
- a). Assimilation into American society
b). The lingering grief of separation from the homeland
c). A rejection of American culture
d). The triumph of tradition over modernity

Part B

SHORT ANSWER

Answer any **6** questions

Each question carries **5** marks

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| 11. How does the act of kicking the coconut thrice reflect ritual belief and fear? | [U] / [CO1] |
| 12. As mentioned in the essay "Salt n' Pepper @Ustad Hotel", what notable food outlets in Kochi are celebrated for their distinctive culinary offerings? | [K] / [CO1] |
| 13. How does "Heal the World" reflect Michael Jackson's personal values? | [A] / [CO2] |
| 14. Describe the story of Joan's Rainbow in the movie <i>Salt N' Pepper</i> ? | [K] / [CO1] |
| 15. Describe the historical context of the Mongol Empire and Silk Road trade as reflected in Chapters 1–2 of The Travels of Marco Polo. | [U] / [CO3] |
| 16. Why did Paul Theroux choose to travel by train? | [U] / [CO3] |
| 17. Why did Gulliver cheerfully agree to the articles despite some being unfavourable? | [U] / [CO4] |
| 18. What was the role of the priests and lawyers when Gulliver first attempted communication? | [An] / [CO4] |
| 19. What special measures were taken by the inhabitants during Gulliver's visit to the city? | [U] / [CO4] |

[5x6 = 30]

Part C

ESSAY

Answer any **2** questions

Each question carries **15** marks

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| 20. Examine the role of childhood as a site of caste socialisation in "Recess." | [U] / [CO1] |
| 21. How can the rhetorical questions in "Blowin' in the Wind" be used to show its social critique? | [A] / [CO2] |
| 22. Explain the significance of conversations and interactions with strangers in shaping Theroux's travel experience. | [U] / [CO3] |
| 23. Analyse Rahman's influence in redefining Indian film music. | [An] / [CO4] |

[15x2 = 30]