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**B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
NOVEMBER 2008.**

**First Semester**

**Part III – English - Main**

**Paper I – INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH**

**(For those who joined in July 2008 and onwards)**

**Time: Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks**

**SECTION A - (10 x 1 = 10 marks)**

**Answer ALL questions.**

Choose the correct answer

1. Dr. Radhakrishnan is known for his \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) prose (b) poetry  
(c) philosophy (d) politics.
2. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is known as the father of our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) constitution (b) institution  
(c) destitution (d) judiciary.
3. Ezekiel's "Enterprise" is a mission without a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) design (b) plan  
(c) vision (d) principle.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the practice of the Muslims according to Darurawalla.  
(a) Death by fire (b) Death by Burial  
(c) Death by water (d) Death by Air.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the name of the servant the A Snake in the Grass  
(a) Dosa (b) Dasa  
(c) Desai (d) Desi.
6. "You look so care wollen" is a statement made by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Ishwaran (b) Doctor

- (c) Dasa (d) Astrologer.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is a popular symbol in Nagamandala  
(a) Tree (b) Flower  
(c) Water (d) Mirror.
8. Girish Karnad is popularly known as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Dramatist (b) Actor  
(c) Director (d) Story teller.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is the theme of the novel A Train to Pakistan.  
(a) communal riot (b) communism  
(c) partition (d) border dispute.
10. The riot in Train to Pakistan is between \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Muslims and Hindus  
(b) Sikhs and Muslims  
(c) Sikhs and Hindus  
(d) Sikhs and Parsis.

**SECTION B - (5 x 5 = 25 marks)**

**Answer the following in about 250 words each choosing either (a) or (b).**

- 11.(a) Comment briefly on Dr. Radhakrishnan's attitude to religion.  
Or  
(b) Write a note on Ambedkar as a prose writer.
- 12.(a) Bring out the irony in Ezekiel's "Enterprise".  
Or  
(b) How does Parthasarthy expose the identity crisis in "Under Another Sky"?
- 13.(a) Sketch the character of Ishravan.  
Or  
(b) What do you learn from the astrologer's confession to his wife?
- 14.(a) Describe the role of Appanna in Nagamandala.

Or

(b) Explain the significance of the title Nagamandala.

15.(a) Write a note on the impact of Gandhi in Train to Pakistan.

Or

(b) Consider "The Train" as a symbol in Train to Pakistan.

**SECTION C – (5 x 8 = 40 marks)**

**Answer the following in about 600 words each choosing either (a) or (b).**

16.(a) What kind of religion is advocated by Dr. Radhakrishnan in his essay.

Or

(b). Write an essay on the concept of democracy according to Dr. Ambedkar.

17.(a) Describe the rustic scene in Night of the scorpion according to Ezekiel.

Or

(b) Discuss the autobiographical elements in the poems of A.K. Ramanujan

18.(a) Consider "Ishwaran" a pathetic tale of a young boy.

Or

(b) How does R.K. Narayan depict the life of unheroic simple people in his stories?

19.(a) How does the mirror symbolically regulate the female bodies according to Karnad?

Or

(b) Compare and contrast Rani and madhavi.

20.(a) Consider Train to Pakistan a partition novel.

Or

(b) Discuss the appropriateness of the title Train to Pakistan.