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M.A. Semester Examinations

African American Literature

Course Code: MEN23504T

Full Marks –50

Time – 2 hours

The figure in the margin indicates full marks for the questions.

Q1. Answer the following Multiple-Choice Questions:

[10x1 = 10]

- i) **Richard Wright's "Black Boy" was published in which year ?**
 - a) 1947
 - b) 1943
 - c) 1945
 - d) 1946
- ii) **Why did Ricard's mother send him and his brother to orphanage ?**
 - a) She didn't have enough money
 - b) She disliked her sons
 - c) Richard's father disowned them
 - d) Richard's grandmother was sick
- iii) **How did Mr. Norton's daughter die ?**
 - a) Due to illness
 - b) Due to accident
 - c) Due to murder
 - d) She was shot dead
- iv) **How much money did Mr. Norton donate to Jim Trueblood ?**
 - a) Ninety dollar
 - b) Fifty dollar
 - c) Hundred dollar
 - d) Two hundred dollar
- v) **When was the *Invisible Man* published ?**
 - a) 1953
 - b) 1956
 - c) 1952
 - d) 1951
- vi) **How old was Sunny Nwazue?**
 - a) 8 yrs
 - b) 11 yrs

- c) 12 yrs
- d) 13 yrs
- vii) **What did Soaphead Churchman told Pecola to do in order to get blue eyes ?**
 - a) To visit the doctor
 - b) To poison a dog
 - c) To spell a magic charm
 - d) To write a letter to Church
- viii) **Why did Pecola's brother Samuel run away from his family ?**
 - a) He was not interested in studies
 - b) He wanted to travel
 - c) His parents disowned him
 - d) His parents abused him
- ix) **Why did Sugar Cream punish Sunny ?**
 - a) She was practising magic
 - b) She was playing with the boys
 - c) She went to meet Orlu
 - d) She showed Jibaku her spirit face
- x) **What was inside the box that Sunny received from Ozoemena?**
 - a) A jewellery
 - b) A letter
 - c) A scarf
 - d) A notebook

Q2. Answer any two out of the four questions.

[2x5 = 10]

The word limit for answering these questions are 200-300 words

- a) Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou.
- b) Critically analyze how the poem "Harlem" reflects the dream of the Black Americans.
- c) Discuss the emotional turmoil of a mother as highlighted in the poem "The Mother."
- d) Explain two major themes of the poem "On being brought from African to America."

Q3. Answer any three out of the five questions.

[3x10=30]

The word limit for answering these questions are 350-400 words

- a) Describe Richard Wright's journey from childhood to adulthood narrating few incidences of abuse and racism he faced as a black boy.
- b) Discuss the relationship of Pecola Breedlove with her parents.
- c) Illustrate the role of Dr. Bledsoe in the life of the narrator of the novel "*Invisible Man*" in his journey from a Black University to Harlem in New York ?
- d) "The novel *Akata Witch* represents fantasy and Africanjujuism." Justify the statement with references to the novel.
- e) Compare and contrast any two novels from the course reflecting the struggle, intellectual and cultural life of the African Americans.