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MEG-08

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH (MEG)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2022

MEG-08 : NEW LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Answer any **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer each question in about **600** words.*

1. Which term would be more suitable—'Commonwealth Literatures' or 'New Literatures in English' ? Comment. 20
2. Examine the role played by women in the freedom struggle as portrayed by Ngugi Wa Thiong'O in 'A Grain of Wheat'. 20
3. Write a detailed critical note on the structure of Wole Soyinka's *A Dance of the Forests*. 20

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4. Do you think the women characters of *Ice Candy Man* have an impact on Lenny ? 20
5. Comment on V. S. Naipaul's use of irony and humour in *A House for Mr. Biswas*. 20
6. Who were the Rastafarians ? Can Rastafarianism be looked at as a counter-culture in Jamaican society ? Base your answer on the analysis of "Wings of a Dove". 20
7. What is a Mandala ? What does it symbolise ? Examine *The Solid Mandala* as a novel that deals with myths and symbols. 20
8. Write a detailed essay on the main thematic concerns in *The Stone Angel*. 20