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**Choice Based Credit System IV Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A.(HRD)/B.Sc./
B.B.A./B.C.A./B.Com./B.Sc.(FND)/B.Sc.(FT)/B.Sc.(ID&D)
Examination, September 2022
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH
(2020-21 Batch Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **any three** of the following in about **300** words **each** : **(3×10=30)**
- 1) Discuss The Fire and The Rain as a play within the play.
 - 2) Narrate the myth Yavakri which The Fire and The Rain draws upon.
 - 3) What are the points of complementarities and points of conflict between the fire sacrifice and drama as discussed in The Fire and The Rain ?
 - 4) How does Karnad present the Indian social structure in The Fire and The Rain ?
 - 5) What are the series of treacheries we come across in The Fire and The Rain ? What are their causes and effects ?
- II. Answer **any five** of the following in about **150** words **each** : **(5×6=30)**
- 1) Comment on the effect of drama as presented in The Fire and The Rain.
 - 2) What are the elements of vaidic social order mentioned in the The Fire and The Rain ?
 - 3) Sketch the character of Indra.
 - 4) Sketch the character of Arvasu.
 - 5) Role of women in The Fire and The Rain.
 - 6) How does Nittilai challenge vaidic sense of superiority, patriarchal egotism and male chauvinism ?
 - 7) Sketch the character of Vritra.

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III. Select **any four** of the following passages and explain with reference to the context : (4×5=20)

- 1) All these days I couldn't touch you because Brahmins don't touch other castes. Now you can't touch me because among hunters, girls don't touch their betrothed. Are you sure someone won't think of something else once we're married ?
 - 2) I want release-release from this bondage. Your father gave me this life. We are brothers. So you must complete what your father couldn't. I want peace-eternal peace- I want to melt away- I beg of you-intercede-on behalf with the gods.
 - 3) He was seeking god so he could ask for Universal Knowledge ? ! And gods don't yield to men so easily. He had to mortify himself, practise austerities, fast and meditate, pray.
 - 4) There's another consideration, Arvasu not even the gods can guarantee a soul ultimate release. This is a law beyond us. I may grant his release from birth and death because you ask for it. But there is every chance it may not work. In that case his situation will remain unchanged and you'll lose Nittilai.
 - 5) Actually, I want to ask Yavakri two questions. Can he make it rain ? And then, can he tell when he is going to die ? Just two. What is the point of any knowledge, if you can't save dying children and if you can't predict your moment of death.
 - 6) You don't understand you hunters-know only minor spells and witchcrafts-spirits slithering in shallow caves and dangling on trees. But Yavakri and Father and Brother can bring out the terrors from the womb of the earth and play with them. They can set this foul nature against you. Can't you see the design in it all ? Corpses pursuing me- evil, like a stink emanating from the fire of that sacrifice.
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