

**Maulana Azad National Urdu University**  
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**Programme: UG**

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**Assignment 1**

**(Units 1-10)**

**Part-A**

**Answer any two questions.**

**Marks 2 x 2.5 = 5**

1. Mention the characteristic features of Renaissance.
2. How can you say that "On His Blindness" is a Petrarchan sonnet?
3. Who were the most famous writers during the British Romantic era?
4. Write a short note on the symbol of Yew tree in the poem "The Moon and the Yew Tree".

**Part-B**

**Answer any one question.**

**Marks 1 x 5 = 5**

1. What is an Ode?
2. What is Dramatic Monologue?
3. Analyze the character of the Duchess in "My Last Duchess".

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**Assignment 2**

**(Units 11-17)**

**Part-A**

**Answer any two questions.**

**Marks 2 x 2.5 = 5**

1. What is the message of the story in Balthazer's "Marvelous Afternoon"?
2. Who has been in exile and suffered in the poem "The Portrait in the Rock"?
3. Write any five collections of short stories by five different women writers of India?
4. Why was the man (Mukoon) thrown out of his job in the short story "The World Renowned Nose"?

**Part-B**

**Answer any one question.**

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1. Define the terms 'plot' and 'character' as used in fiction.
2. What is Ngugi's contribution to African literature?
3. What is Natyashastra?

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**Assignment 3**

**(Units 18-24)**

**Part-A**

**Answer any two questions.**

**Marks 2 x 2.5 = 5**

1. Write a brief note on the life of Vijay Tendulkar.
2. Write a short note on the character of Miss Leela Benare in the play, *Silence! The Court is in Session*.
3. Name any five literary works of Rohinton Mistry.
4. Give a character sketch of the character Gustad in the novel *Such a Long Journey*.

**Part-B**

**Answer any one question.**

**Marks 1 x 5 = 5**

1. What is the symbolic meaning of the title, *Silence! The Court is in Session*?
2. What are the main themes in the novel *The White Tiger*?
3. What is the significance of painting the wall in the novel *Such a Long Journey*?