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Attempt all questions.

### SECTION A

All questions carry 10 marks each.

Write short notes on :

1. (a) Nwoye's conversion.

Or

- (b) Gender roles in *Things Fall Apart*.

2. (a) Identity in Naipaul's 'East Indian'.

Or

- (b) Fanon's critique of the neo-colonial in *Black Skin. White Masks*.

3. (a) South Africa in transition in *My Son's Story*.

Or

- (b) The character of Baby.

### SECTION B

All questions carry 15 marks each.

4. (a) Do you agree that "*Things Fall Apart* actually portrays a culture rather than a history" ?

Or

- (b) The "constant negotiations between individual and community are portrayed by Achebe as dynamic and in process". Analyse this statement with reference to *Things Fall Apart*.

5. (a) Discuss Ngugi's analysis of language as a carrier of communication and of culture.

Or

- (b) Marquez's Nobel acceptance speech critiques the various modes of colonial subjugation that have been prevalent for centuries. Discuss.

6. (a) Gordimer often said that in *My Son's Story*, her subject is not apartheid but rather "living" in South Africa and "the people who live there". Do you agree ?

Or

- (b) Discuss the transformation of Aila from housewife to revolutionary in *My Son's Story*.