

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2015
M.Phil. (INDIAN DIASPORA)

TIME: 2 HOURS

Max. Marks: 75

HALL TICKET NUMBER

Read carefully the following instructions:

1. This question paper has two parts: **Part A** and **Part B**.
2. **Part A** consists of 25 objective type questions of one mark each. There is negative marking of **0.33** marks for every wrong answer. Marks obtained by the candidate in this part will be used for resolving tie cases.
3. **Part B** is to be answered in a separate answer book.
4. The entrance test paper is not to be taken out of the examination hall.

(Marks: 25)

PART – A

Tick the correct answer.

1. The author of *The Inheritance of Loss*
 - a) Meghnad Desai
 - b) Karen Leonard
 - c) Kiran Desai
 - d) None of the above
2. The first Indian descent who became the 2013 Miss America:
 - a) Aishwarya Rai
 - b) Nina Davuluri
 - c) Lara Dutta
 - d) None of the above
3. The incident '*Komagata Maru*' refers in the Indian diaspora to which of the following country:
 - a) Malaysia
 - b) Singapore
 - c) USA
 - d) None of the above
4. 'ThaiPusam' is a Hindu festival famous in Indian diaspora celebrated mainly by which community
 - a) Sikhs
 - b) Tamils
 - c) Gujaratis
 - d) All of the above

5. Which year did Mahatma Gandhi return from South Africa to India?
- 1915
 - 1893
 - 1908
 - 1937
6. In the year 2005, the Government of India introduced the 'OCI Card' which refers to:
- Oracle Call Interface
 - Overseas Citizen of India
 - Open Communication Interface
 - None of the above
7. The film "Mystic Masseur", directed by Ismail Merchant, revolves around the Indian diaspora living in...?
- The Middle East
 - South Africa
 - Fiji Islands
 - Trinidad & Tobago
8. The term 'Apartheid' in South Africa refers to:
- A system of contract labour
 - A system of legal racial segregation
 - Large scale immigration
 - None of the above
9. Who is the famous diasporic Indian steel industrialist?
- Lakshmi Narayan Singh
 - Lakshmi Nivas Mittal
 - Laxman Singh Mujal
 - Ratan Tata
10. The author of *The Buddha of Suburbia*
- Steven Vertovec
 - Hanif Kureishi
 - V.S. Naipaul
 - None of the above
11. What is South Hall in London?
- Theatre
 - Sikh majority suburban area
 - Indoor Stadium
 - Underground train
12. Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre is started by the Government of India to facilitate
- Indian Cricket
 - Indian Culture
 - NRI marriages
 - None of the above

13. Why Canada is called a 'multicultural' country?
- a) A wide selection of fashion from many countries is available in Canada
 - b) Different kinds of food are popular in Canada
 - c) Migrants are accepted in Canada
 - d) Canada has a colourful flag
14. The movie 'Bhaji on the Beach' is directed by
- a) Shah Rukh Khan
 - b) Gurinder Chadha
 - c) Mani Ratnam
 - d) Deepa Mehta
15. 'Serangoon Road' is the main commercial thoroughfare in Little India, located in
- a) Australia
 - b) Singapore
 - c) Malaysia
 - d) Canada
16. Who is the author of the book *Tamarind Woman*
- a) Steven Vertovec
 - b) Judith Brown
 - c) Anita Rau Badami
 - d) None of the above
17. Which of the following factors are responsible for the fact that most nation-states are not ethnically homogeneous?
- a) Colonialism
 - b) Migration
 - c) Slavery
 - d) Conquest
18. Mr. S. R. Nathan, one of the prominent Indian diasporic political leaders, is the president of which country?
- a) Malaysia
 - b) Singapore
 - c) Trinidad & Tobago
 - d) None of the above
19. The movie 'Brick Lane' is based on a novel written by:
- a) Salman Rushdie
 - b) Gurinder Chadha
 - c) Monika Ali
 - d) Deepa Mehta
20. Ethnicity means:
- a) Identifying with a particular group that is defined in terms of specific phenotypic features
 - b) Being excluded from other groups based on one's phenotype
 - c) Being excluded from other groups because of one's ethnic identity
 - d) None of the above

21. Which community has the majority population living in diaspora than at home
- Indian
 - African
 - Chinese
 - Jewish
22. 'Silicon Valley' is known for:
- High quality silicon
 - Beautiful Valleys
 - Majority of Indian Software professionals
 - Football
23. Who is the author of *The Village Bride of Beverly Hills*
- Salman Rushdie
 - Devesh Kapur
 - Kavita Daswani
 - None of the above
24. "Atlantic Slave Trade" mainly refers to the large scale movement of people from which of the following country?
- India
 - Israel
 - Japan
 - None of the above
25. The author of *The In-between World of Vikram Lall*
- Vikram Lall
 - M. G. Vassanji
 - Vijay Mishra
 - None of the above

PART-B

PART-B comprises of Section I and Section II. Answer three questions in all, selecting **TWO** from Section I and **ONE** from Section II.

SECTION – I

Marks: 30

Answer any of the following **TWO** questions (2 x 15 marks)

1. Do you think emigration from India has impacted the global international migration patterns? Justify your argument and discuss the different patterns of Indian emigration.

2. Describe the representations of diasporic subject in the literature of Indian diaspora.
3. Philanthropy is an inevitable topic of research in the field of diaspora studies. Critically examine.
4. Write Short notes on any two of the following
 - a) Indenture system
 - b) Multiculturalism
 - c) Transnationalism
 - d) Twice Displaced Diaspora

SECTION – II

Marks: 20

Answer any ONE of the following (1 x 20 marks)

1. Formulate a research design on any one of the following themes: a) international migration, b) Indian diaspora, c) transnationalism, d) India's relation with any of the countries where Indian population constitute as significant, e) literary representations of Indian diaspora.
2. Formulate a research design on any areas of research on Indian diaspora which you would like to carry out as part of your M.Phil dissertation.