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Part One

Things Fall Apart

(50 marks)

A. Answer the following questions :

(10 marks)

1- What did Chinua Achebe mean by the word "*Things*" in his title of this book?

He meant ...

2- How could a man become a leader in his Clan?

3- Why did Okonkwo build a very large compound when he returned to Umuofia?

Because

4- What is meant by "clan"?

5- Where did Chielo want to take Ezinma?

B. Match (A) with (B) by putting the letter of the right answer in column (C) :(10marks)

(A)	«C»	(B)
- Okonkwo		a. Okonkwo's second wife.
- Ekweifi.		b. Sacrifice adopted son.
- Ikemefuna.		c. Okonkwo's uncle who receives him during exile.
- Uchendu.		d. Christianity / change.
- Unoka.		e. Fear of violence / cowardly.
		f. Strength / fear of failure.

C. Draw a circle round the letter of the best answer (a,b,c or d) :

(30 marks)

1- What religion did the missionaries bring to Umuofia?

a. Islam

b. Christianity

c. Judaism

d. Buddhism.

2- Who was the first missionary coming to Umuofia? He is Mr.

a. Smith

b. Brown

c. Kiaga

d. George

- 3- What did Okonkwo's death symbolize? It symbolize
- the strength of the tradition
 - the victory over missionaries
 - beginning of peace
 - the collapse of Umuofia's culture.
- 4- Why was Ikemefuna killed?
- Okonkwo didn't like him
 - Hills' oracle and caves said that
 - Ezeudu said so
 - Ekweifi said so.
- 5- Nwoye had done something which deeply disappointed Okonkwo, what was that thing? He had
- married a Christian woman
 - joined the Christians
 - run away to the forest
 - killed his mother.
- 6- Who caused problems between the missionaries and the converts in Mbanta ?
- the clansmen
 - The Osu
 - the rulers of Mbanta
 - the holy snake
- 7- "Go back whoever you are. Agbala will punish you" who said this? did.
- Okonkwo
 - Ezinma
 - Uchendu
 - the priests
- 8- When the crime was not an accident, it was called crime.
- a female
 - an offense
 - a male
 - a defence.
- 9- The six leaders of Umuofia couldn't fight back because, they.....
- were afraid of missionaries
 - carried no weapons with them
 - had their hands tied together
 - enjoy living in the prison.
- 10- Where did the missionaries build their first church? In
- Abame
 - Mbaino
 - Mbanta
 - Iguedo.
- 11- The clansmen did not worry very much about the people who became convert, because they thought that the converts
- would get bored quickly with the new religion
 - would return to worship their own gods
 - were not important
 - would love the new religion.
- 12- What did the white man say about the Gods of the clan? He said they
- were false Gods
 - were true Gods
 - deserved to be worshiped
 - deserved to be Gods.
- 13- What was the village of Okonkwo' mother called? It was called
- Umuofia
 - Abame
 - Mabanta
 - Mbaino.
- 14- "I have asked you to come to talk about the burning of the church" who said this ? did.
- Okonkwo
 - Mr. Brown
 - the commissioner
 - Mr. Smith
- 15- "*Things Fall Apart*" events happened in
- Nigeria
 - Senegal
 - Angola
 - South Africa

**Part Two****Our Mutual Friend****(50 marks)****A. Answer the following questions :****(10 marks)**1- What does the pronoun "our" in the title "*Our Mutual Friend*" refer to?

It refers to

2- How did old John Harmon make his money?

By

3- Why did young John Harmon disguise himself?

Because

4- Bella had three secrets to tell her father, mention two of these secrets.

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5- " Old John Harmon's money has turned bright again " who said this ?

..... did.

B. Match (A) with (B) by putting the letter of the right answer in (C) : (10 marks)

(A)	(C)	(B)
John Harmon.		a. Lizzies' father who works on a river
Eugene Wrayburn.		b. A girl who learns to value love and money.
Mr Boffin.		c. The real heir of Harmon's fortune
Jesse Hexam.		d. A poor girl who works hard to change her life
Bella Wilfer		e. A kind man who adopts Bella
		f. A young lawyer who loves Lizzie and wants to marry her

(C) Draw a circle round the letter of the best answer (a,b,c or d) : (30 marks)

1- The chambers were

a. small villages

b. rivers

c. rooms where lawyers live

d. locks.

2- The main idea of the story "*Our Mutual Friend*" is about

a. love and money

b. school and river

c. animal and nature

d. travel and venture.

3- What was Miss Jenny Wren's job? She is a.....

a. teacher

b. fish seller

c. false hair and beards' maker

d. dolls' dress maker.

4- What did the river Thames symbolize in the story? It symbolized.....

a. freedom

b. death

c. love

d. adventure.

- 5- What social issue did the novel mainly criticized? It criticized
- a. poverty and class differences
 - b. education system
 - c. loving money more than values
 - d. religion regulations.
- 6- What was George Radfoot? He was a
- a. school master
 - b. lock-gate keeper
 - c. lawyer
 - d. fisherman.
- 7- What happened at the end of the story?
- a. Bella rejected John Harmon
 - b. John Harmon married Bella
 - c. The Boffins lost their money
 - d. Nuddy Boffin left his wife.
- 8- Harmons' fortune came from selling
- a. gold and jewels
 - b. cowery and fish catching
 - c. vegetables and bone-dust
 - d. dresses and dollies.
- 9- Who tested Bellas' character secretly?
- a. John Harmon
 - b. Mr. Boffin
 - c. Eugene Wrayburn
 - d. Silas Wegg.
- 10- "A client of mine died the other day". Who said this?did
- a. Mr. Boffin
 - b. Bradley Headstone
 - c. Lizzie Hexam
 - d. Mortimer Lightwood.
- 11- What was Mr. Wilfer's profession? He was a
- a. clerk
 - b. lawyer
 - c. dust man
 - d. fisherman.
- 12- How old was Bella when the story began? She wasyears old.
- a. nine
 - b. eighteen
 - c. twelve
 - d. ten
- 13- "But the man must never give up to the police" who said this?did
- a. Bella Wilfer
 - b. Eugene Wrayburn
 - c. Lizzie Hexam
 - d. Mr. Boffin.
- 14- What did the society say about Eugene Wrayburn and his wife? They said :.....
- a. a bad man breaking the rules
 - b. a single wicked man
 - c. a respectful gentle man
 - d. an indifferent man.
- 15- The story "*Our Mutual Friend*" authored by
- a. Chinua Achebe
 - b. Charles Dickens
 - c. Robert Louis Stevenson
 - d. William Shakespeare.