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**Backlog Arrear Examination, March 2021**

**ENG 2568**

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Bookers**

**Marks : 75**

**TIME : 2 hrs**

**Attempt an essay on Any FIVE of the following (5x15= 75)**

1. Elaborate on the controversial events during Booker Prize ceremony.
2. Explain the history, selection criteria and the whole process of events of Man Booker Prize.
3. Trace and Substantiate the evolution of Kelly gang of the novel “True History of the Kelly Gang”.
4. Justify the statement “Environment determines human nature” from Yaan Martel’s “Life of Pi”.
5. Compare and contrast the characters Pi and Richard Parker in the novel “Life of Pi”.
6. Attempt thematic analysis of Aravind Adiga’s “The White Tiger”.
7. Brief out your responses review of Booker Prize.

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bookers

### Answer Key

1. Controversial events of Booker Prize:
  - Criticism on bookers of having Prejudiced and biased judges
  - Allegation on the Bookers Foundation of having colonial past.
  - Winner and Runner conflicts
  - Politics of grand finale
  - Media influence on Booker Prize
2. History of Bookers
  - Colonial past of exploiting the colonies.
  - Establishment of factories and ruin of natural resources of Africa.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Commonwealth nations
- Britain publications
- Novels written in English
- Date of publication

#### Process of Event:

- Initial stage of 100 novels long list
  - Shortlist of 20 or 10 Novels
  - Grand Finale – winner and Runner
3. Evolution of Kelly Gang
    - Origin of Kelly
    - Hardships of Kelly in Australia
    - Revolution against the Authorities
    - Formation of gang
    - Tragic end of Kelly gang
  4. Environment determines human nature:
    - Origin and Qualities of Pi
    - Obligation to live in the middle of a ocean
    - Supposition and learning of Pi in ocean
    - Adaptation to the situation
  5. Comparison of Pi and Richard Parker:

- Origin of both
- Establishment of Pi as a generous , charming and innocent boy
- Establishment of Richard Parker as a Cruel Hunter and carnivore
- Similarities – adapting nature of both, animal nature

6. Thematic Analysis

- Explanation of possible themes
- Language – 40 %
- Content – 60%

7. Review on Bookers :

- Language – 40%
- Content – 60%