

## **SUBJECT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY**

**CLASS XI (A, B & C)**

**TEACHER : RD**

**TO BE SUBMITTED ON 22nd July, 2019**

Read at least one of the books given in the list given below. Write a Book Review based on the guidelines given below:

- A. The best review will be rewarded in the school assembly. Your Review should cover the following:
- The book's title and author
  - A brief summary of the plot that doesn't give away too much
  - Comments on the book's strengths and weaknesses
  - The reviewer's personal response to the book with specific examples to support praise or criticism
  - References, if any
- B. The Review will also account for the 20 Internal Marks to be allotted in CA 1.***

### **1. UNTOUCHABLE by Mulk Raj Anand**

Untouchable is a novel by Mulk Raj Anand published in 1935. The novel established Anand as one of India's leading English authors. The book was inspired by his aunt's experience when she had a meal with a Muslim woman and was treated as an outcast by his family. The plot of this book, Anand's first, revolves around the argument for eradicating the caste system. It depicts a day in the life of Bakha, a young "sweeper", who is "untouchable" due to his work cleaning latrines.

### **2. Kindred by Octavia E. Butler**

It is the bestselling novel by American science-fiction author Octavia E. Butler. Part time-travel tale and part slave narrative, it was first published in 1979 and is still widely popular; it is regularly chosen as a text for community-wide reading programs and book organizations, as well as being a common choice for high school and college courses.

### **3. Titanic Captain: The Life of Edward John Smith Paperback by Gary Cooper**

Commander Edward John Smith's career had been a remarkable example of how a man from a humble background could get far in the world. Born to a working-class

family in the landlocked Staffordshire Potteries, he went to sea at the age of 17 and rose rapidly through the ranks of the merchant navy, serving first in sailing vessels and later in the new steamships of the White Star Line.

#### 4. **A Passage to India** by English author E. M. Forster

A Passage to India (1924) is a novel by English author E. M. Forster set against the backdrop of the British Raj and the Indian independence movement in the 1920s. It was selected as one of the 100 great works of 20th century English literature by the Modern Library[1] and won the 1924 James Tait Black Memorial Prize for fiction.[2] Time magazine included the novel in its "All Time 100 Novels" list.

#### 5. **The Scarlet Letter**

The Scarlet Letter: A Romance is an 1850 work of fiction in a historical setting, written by American author Nathaniel Hawthorne. The book is considered to be his "masterwork". Set in 17th-century Puritan Boston, Massachusetts, during the years 1642 to 1649, it tells the story of Hester Prynne, who conceives a daughter through an affair and struggles to create a new life of repentance and dignity. Throughout the book, Hawthorne explores themes of legalism, sin, and guilt.

#### 6. **War and Remembrance**

War and Remembrance is a novel by Herman Wouk, published in October 1978, which is the sequel to The Winds of War. It continues the story of the extended Henry family and the Jastrow family starting on 15 December 1941 and ending on 6 August 1945. This novel was adapted into the mini-series, War and Remembrance, presented on American television in 1988. Wouk was a screenwriter of the miniseries as well as the author of the original book.

#### 7. **Anna Karenina** by the Russian writer Leo Tolstoy

Anna Karenina is a novel by the Russian writer Leo Tolstoy, published in serial installments from 1873 to 1877 in the periodical The Russian Messenger. Tolstoy clashed with editor Mikhail Katkov over political issues that arose in the final installment (Tolstoy's negative views of Russian volunteers going to fight in Serbia); therefore, the novel's first complete appearance was in book form in 1878.

#### 8. **The Museum of Innocence** by Orhan Pamuk

The Museum of Innocence is a novel by Orhan Pamuk, Nobel-laureate Turkish novelist published on August 29, 2008. The book, set in Istanbul between 1975 and 1984, is an account of the love story between the wealthy businessman Kemal and a poorer distant relative of his, Füsun.

### **9. A Suitable Boy by Vikram Seth**

***A Suitable Boy*** is a novel by Vikram Seth, published in 1993. At 1,349 pages (1,488 pages softcover) and 591,552 words, the book is one of the longest novels ever published in a single volume in the English language. A sequel, to be called *A Suitable Girl*, is due for publication in 201

### **10. The God of Small Things**

*The God of Small Things* (1997) is the debut novel of Indian writer Arundhati Roy. It is a story about the childhood experiences of fraternal twins whose lives are destroyed by the "Love Laws" that lay down "who should be loved, and how. And how much." The book explores how the small things affect people's behavior and their lives. It won the Booker Prize in 1997.