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## INFERIOR TREATMENT TO THE BLACKS IS THE RESULT OF RACIAL SEGREGATION

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### **Abstract :**

*Nature blesses us all the things equally but human being took it in a different way and they divided such blessings as per their convenience. Discrimination based on cast, creed, gender, religion, region is manmade walls around the universe. Racial discrimination is one of them. Discrimination based on colour is inhuman but was practiced eventually in the past. Separating people, different races and making them live a part was the official government policy in South Africa. It was not only being done in South Africa but all over the world in some or more extend.*

*It resulted into the several injustice and superior as well as inferior feeling amongst the White and Black people respectively. Such feeling details the picture of social, political, economical, educational discrimination. To deal with such burning issues, people started revolt against the system. They raised their voices against the inhuman behavior and government policies. Nadine Gordimer's July's People reflects all these inhuman elements. July is the home servant who represents black community where as the Smales family represent the white community. Maureen, merely shows the psychology of white community.*

**Keywords-** racial segregation, apartheid, injustice, black community, white community, revolt, social injustice, inhuman practices, psychology

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**Characters in novel :** July, Victor Smale Daniel, Bam, Maureen Smale, etc.

### **Methodology of Research :**

The research methodology relevant to the subject matter would be used during the course of proposed research work. Textual analysis will be done thoroughly Descriptive and Qualitative research methods would be applied during the course of proposed research work.

### **About Nadine Gordimer- Novelist of July's People :**

Many of the fragments of literature are spread all over the world. The culture, condition, political and social situation of contemporary period in South Africa can be thoroughly examined in the novels of Gordimer. Nadine Gordimer smartly described all the elements of racial segregation in her novels like July's People. She is awarded with Booker Prize in 1974 and Nobel Prize in 1991 for literature. The real picture of South Africans is depicted by "Nadine Gordimer" in her famous novels.



## **Introduction :**

Racial segregation means colour differences in America and Apartheid system in South Africa. Particularly this Research work is the content taken from Nadine Gordimer, so the elaboration is about racial elements in South Africa. Racial segregation had long existed in white minority governed South Africa

By 1950, the government had banned marriages between whites and the people of other races, and prohibited sexual relations between black and white South Africans. The population registration act of 1950 provided the basic framework for apartheid by classifying all South Africans by race, including Bantu (Black Africans), Coloured (Mixed Race), and White.

To enrich the ground reality, we must see the mirror image of South Africa through deep study of the history of apartheid. Apartness in Afrikaans and Dutch was a system of segregation that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994. Europeans designed apartheid in South Africa for continued economic and political dominance. We know their policy of "Divide and Rule". They used the same in Africa. People were legally classified into a racial group. The main ones being white, black, Indians and were geographically separated from each other.

The black majority in particular, legally became citizens of "homelands" that were nominally sovereign nations but operated by somebody else. Even educational, medicinal facilities were less provided and treated inferior to the black people in comparison with White at that time.

The practice of apartheid can thus be viewed as a continuation, magnification and extension of segregationist policies of previous White colonial administrations in what is now South Africa. The Separate Amenities Act created separate beaches, buses, hospital, schools and universities. Blacks and coloureds were compelled to carry identity documents. These identity documents became a sort of passport by which prevention of migration to 'White' South Africa would be enforced. Blacks were prohibited from living in white towns without specific permission. For Blacks, living in the cities was normally restricted to those who were employed in the cities. Direct family relatives were excluded, thus, separating wives from husband and parents from children. Since 1948, sex and marriage between races was prohibited. Even taxation was unequal for white and black people.

Revolt against apartheid means revolt against racism and cruelty. For more than four decades, South Africa's apartheid regime relied on segregation, repression, and violence to subjugate the majority black population. The regime came to an end through the tenacious efforts of the Black South African nationalist movement- members of the African National Congress (ANC), Pan African Congress (PAC), and other groups. The institutionalized oppression of South Africa's Non-Whites became to an end in the 1990's.

The anti-apartheid movement (AAM), was a British organization that was at the centre of the international movement opposing the South African apartheid system and supporting South Africa's Non-White population who were persecuted by the policies of apartheid.

Anti apartheid elements are skillfully drafted in the novels of Nadine Gordimer. Ex.

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July's People pictures the Black Liberation movement forcibly overturns apartheid rule, embroiling the nation in a violent civil war that endangers the lives of the country's minority white population. The circumstances force the Smaléses, an affluent, white South African family, to flee their suburban Johannesburg home. When rebel take over of ports and airports make escaping their country impossible, the family gratefully accept their black servant, July's offer to seek refuge in his rural village. Bam and his family took shelter in July's home because black people are finally rising up against their White oppressors. Bam tells that Militias from Mozambique and Botswana are coming to their aid. The glimpses of liberation movement are narrated by Nadine Gordimer through the refuge shelter at July's home (village). Danial has run away to join the rebel fighters.

July's People foresees the inevitable collapse of White South Africa and the emergence of new political and social realities. July's People was set in 1981 when riots had broken out across the country. As a result to this, Bam and Maureen with their kids rushed and hide themselves in a black truck with their servant July.

Their lifestyle and destiny took a turn into the darkness. They got captured into fell clutch of circumstances. Maureen and Bam got into the argument due to their bad condition. July felt insulted many times by Maureen due to her superior assumption. It implies the human values and their suppression. Maureen wants to get rid of situation. Her strong will is noted when she runs after the helicopter to rescue.

July, a black servant served his 15 years to Bam and Maureen. He asked his wife not to give their medicine to white kids as expensive and quality medicine is made for them. It reflects that even white community had accepted white superiority over them. These are the effects of continuous domination of Europeans and white community over black people regarding all aspects of livelihood. Later on the revolt emerged for securing black people's rights and culture. During most of the era of formally legalized apartheid, from about 1950 to 1983, voting rights were essentially denied to blacks. These separate arrangements continued until the abolition of apartheid. ANC played vital role in New South Africa. Non-racial democratic state was a vision of ANC. The revolt against white, bomb-blast, burning, killing and protest in July's people novel is the result of suppression of blacks from hundreds of years.

### **Conclusion :**

After deep study of What is Apartheid? The tentative conclusion is that the brutal practices were enforced by Europeans on the Africans . to eradicate such roots of inhuman sufferings, South Africans struggled a lot. In general, all governments make amendments to smoothen the work but people always find the way to break the policies of government. Strong amendments and people's involvement as well as broad mind set up to implement and inculcate it in reality can change the situation. So that we can eradicate burning issues like racism from root in real sense.

Nadine Gordimer portrayed many characters to represent the repressed voices raised to get quality in her novels. The racial discrimination causes the dearth of facilities in South Africa. The social, political, economical, educational injustice was being done in the society due to racism. Black people are having white heart in real sense as they establish harmony



and help even the white people in dangerous situation.

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