

WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 2nd Semester Examination, 2020

ENGACOR03T-ENGLISH (CC3)

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

Time Allotted: 2 Hours Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

SECTION-I

- 1. Answer any *two* from the following questions in about 500 words each:
- $10 \times 2 = 20$

- (a) Critically appreciate Derozio's 'Freedom to the Slave'.
- (b) Assess 'I stood in Solitude' as a nature poem.
- (c) How does Kamala Das justify her choice of English as a language of her poetic expression in 'Introduction'? Answer with close reference to the text.
- (d) Assess 'Another View of Grace' as a love poem typically set in India.
- (e) How does the poet express the multiplicity of perspectives on a particular incident in 'The Night of the Scorpion'?
- (f) Critically comment on the imagery of Mahapatra's 'Hunger'.
- 2. Explain any *one* of the following with reference to the context in about 200 $5\times1=5$ words:
 - (a) He did not beat me

But my sad woman body felt so beaten.

(b) —such as a when rapt Delian maid

In voiceless adoration saw him rise--

God of the silver bow and deathless lyre!

(c) Commandments crumbled

In my father's past.

- (d) Feel her. I'll be back soon, your bus leaves at nine.
- (e) Blest be the generous hand that breaks

The chain a tyrant gave

(f) My mother only said

Thank God the Scorpion picked on me

And spared my children.

SECTION-II

- 3. Answer any *one* from the following questions in about 500 words:
- $10 \times 1 = 10$
- (a) Comment on the narrative technique in R.K. Narayan's *The Guide*.
- (b) Bring out the full significance of the title of R.K. Narayan's *The Guide*.
- 4. Answer any *one* from the following questions in about 500 words:

 $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (a) Bring out close bonding between the human world and wildlife in Ruskin Bond's 'Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright'.
- (b) Critically comment on the title of Sashi Deshpande's The Intrusion'.
- (c) Assess 'The Free Radio' as a commentary on the internal emergency.
- 5. Answer any *one* from the following questions in about 200 words:

 $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (a) Critically comment on the ending of 'Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright'.
- (b) Briefly bring out the character of the narrator in 'The Free Radio'.
- (c) Bring out the symbolic significance of the room the husband hires for the honeymoon in 'The Intrusion'.
 - **N.B.:** Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.

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