

2022

ENGLISH

[HONOURS]

(B.A. Sixth Semester End Examination-2022)

PAPER-DSE4

(Partition Literature)

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03 Hrs

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1. Attempt any two questions taking one from each group:

2x10= 20

Group - A

- a) "Intizar Husain's *Basti* is a narrative journeying through multiple spaces and times documenting the partitions of memory". —Discuss.
- b) How does Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines* interrogate the concepts of nations and borderlines? Discuss.

Group - B

- c) Critically estimate the appropriateness of the title of the story "Toba Tek Singh".

(2)

How does Manik Bandhyapadhyas story "The Final Solution" show women's response to the cataclysmic episode of Partition? Give you answer in the light of Mallika's Character.

OR

Write a critical appreciation of Jibanananda Das's poem "I Shall Return to this Bengal".

2. Attempt any four of the following questions: 4x5 = 20

- a) Critically examine Intizar's Husain's depiction of post-Partition life in *Basti*.
- b) Comment on the significance of the title in Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines*.
- c) What is the importance of setting in "Toba Tek Singh".
- d) Why does the poet wish to return to Bengal in the poem "I Shall Return to this Bengal"?
- e) What is the 'final solution' that Mallika discovers for her predicament?
- f) Comment on the theme of homelessness and exile in the context of Partition.
- g) Comment on the literary representations of women during and after the partition of India.

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h) Analyse the motifs of violence and communalism in the partition novels.

3. Attempt any ten of the following questions: 10x2 = 20

- i) Which period of the Indian subcontinent history is depicted in the novel *Basti*?
- ii) Who come to meet Bishan Singh in the asylum before the exchange of lunatics?
- iii) "As for me, I was born here, and I will die here." – Who says this in *The Shadow Lines*?
- iv) Who is Jethamoshai in *The Shadow Lines*?
- v) How does Mallika take revenge in Manik Bandhyapadhyas story, "The Final Solution"?
- vi) Who is Pramatha in Manik Bandhyapadhyas story "The Final Solution"?
- vii) Does the title of the story "Toba Tek Singh" refer to a person or place?
- viii) Give the original title of the poem "For Your Lanes, My Country".
- ix) What is Partition literature?
- x) When was the decision regarding the Partition of Bengal officially announced?
- xi) Who was Khalah Jan? What were the names of her two daughters?

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xii) What happened to Bishan Singh at the end of the story?

xiii) Write the names of the rivers mentioned in Jibanananda Das's ..
"I Shall Return to this Bengal".

xiv) What is the significance of Ila's doll?

xv) Mention the names of at least two movies that deal with
partition.
