

2022

ENGLISH

[HONOURS]

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

PAPER-HCC14

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.

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

10x2= 20

Group - A

- i) Discuss how the spirit of patriotism has been reflected in Derozio's poem "To India—My Native Land"
- ii) Critically comment on the use of irony embedded in A. K. Ramanujan's "A River".

Group - B

- iii) Critically examine the importance of Malgudi as a setting in *Swami and Friends*.
- iv) Discuss the play *Silence! The Court is in Session* as an indictment of gender discrimination.

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

- i) Describe the casuarina tree. Why is it so dear to the soul of the poet?
- ii) How does the poet criticize the social condition of India in "Dawn at Puri"?
- iii) Comment briefly on the title and the history of publication of R. K. Narayan's *Swami and Friends*.
- iv) Write a brief note on how Sukhatme glorifies motherhood in the play *Silence! The Court is in Session*.
- v) Write a short note on the different phases of modernism in Indian English writing.
- vi) Write a short note on the development of modern Indian English poetry.
- vii) Briefly discuss the contribution of Raja Rao in the development of Indian English novels.
- viii) Write a brief note on your acquaintance of some new books of Indian English fiction published in the 21st century.

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

- i) "My fallen country! One kind wish for thee!" — Why does the poet say so?
- ii) Mention the names of birds and beasts who had their shelter on the casuarina tree.

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- iii) Point out at least one autobiographical reference of the poet mentioned in "Our Casuarina Tree".
- iv) Which work is regarded as the first Indian English novel? When was it published?
- v) In which year was Rabindranath Tagore awarded the Nobel Prize for literature? What was the title of the English rendering of his work awarded for this prize?
- vi) Mention two novels by Amitav Ghosh and two by Jhumpa Lahiri.
- vii) Mention four distinguished autobiographies by Indian English writers.
- viii) What does the expression "kicking at the blank walls" signify in A.K. Ramanujan's "A River"?
- ix) Why were the widows waiting in "Dawn at Puri"?
- x) Why did Swami leave Albert Mission School in the middle of the session? Where did he join later?
- xi) Give the name of the cricket club formed by Swami and his friends whom did they face in their first match?
- xii) Why did Swami's father write a letter to the headmaster of the school?
- xiii) Who was supposed to play the role of the counsel for the accused in the play *Silence! The Court is in Session*? Who offers to play his part?