

COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 5th Semester Examinations, 2022

ENGLISH

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

CORE-12

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any one question:

 $15 \times 1 = 15$

- (a) Justify the title of the novel The Guide.
- (b) How does Anita Desai develop the character of Bimala in Clear Light of Day?
- (c) Elucidate Nissim Ezekiel's use of religion and spirituality as themes of the poems in your syllabus.
- (d) Evaluate Salman Rushdie's art of characterisation in "The Free Radio".

2. Answer any one question:

 $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (a) How did Rosie defy the social stigma against dancers in The Guide?
- (b) How does Desai portray the impact of partition in Clear Light of Day?
- (c) How does Rohinton Mistry use water imagery in "Swimming Lessons"?

3. Answer any one question:

 $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (a) How does the novel, The Guide end? Comment.
- (b) What does Baba's love for music indicate in Clear Light of Day?
- (c) "Don't write in English, they said English is Not your mother-tongue"— Comment.

4. Answer any ten questions:

 $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) Who taught Raju the Tamil alphabet?
- (b) What is the first thing Rosie wanted to see after setting foot in Malgudi?
- (c) How many days did Raju fast?
- (d) Who in the Das family is fascinated by Urdu literature in Clear Light of Day?
- (e) Who is Badshah in Clear Light of Day?
- (f) Who is Benazir in Clear Light of Day?
- (g) How did the girl lose her parents in "The Orphan Girl"?
- (h) What does the narrator of "My Grandmother's House" beg for?
- (i) What is a strider in A. K. Ramanujan's poem?
- (i) Which policy of the government is criticised in "The Free Radio"?
- (k) Who are the two Lady Rams?
- (1) Which disease did Grandpa suffer from in "Swimming Lessons"?

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