



COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Program 4th Semester Examinations, 2023

ENGLISH

LITERARY CROSS-CURRENTS

DSC (GROUP-1)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any *one* question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Discuss "Ode to Autumn" as a nature poem.
 - (b) Critically examine the use of symbols in the poem "The Conch".
 - (c) Comment on the theme of social discrimination in *The God of Small Things*.
 - (d) What is the significance of the title of "The Gift of the Magi".

2. Answer any *one* question from the following: 10×1 = 10
 - (a) Comment on the sensuous aspects of Keats' "To Autumn".
 - (b) What picture of the downtrodden do you find in *The God of Small Things*.
 - (c) Sketch the character of Jim in "The Gift of the Magi".

3. Answer any *one* question from the following: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) Explain the significance of the term "The Conch".
 - (b) Show how Autumn has been personified in the poem "To Autumn".
 - (c) Who are called the magi and why?

4. Answer any *ten* questions from the following: 1×10 = 10
 - (a) Who overbrimmed their clammy cells in "To Autumn"?
 - (b) As a Cider presser what does Autumn do?
 - (c) What is the last name of the couple in the story "The Gift of the Magi"?
 - (d) To whom Della sold her precious hair?
 - (e) Why was Della worried about money?
 - (f) What town is the primary setting of the novel *The God of Small Things*?

- (g) What was Father Mulligan in the novel *The God of Small Things*?
- (h) How does Sophie Mol die?
- (i) Who is called "Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun"?
- (j) Whose arrival is spoken about in "The Arrival"?
- (k) Who first blew the conch to declare war?
- (l) What did the poet do when he saw the conch lying on the dust?

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