



COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Program 2nd Semester Examinations, 2023

ENGLISH

SELECTIONS FROM MODERN INDIAN LITERATURE

DSC (GROUP-1)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Discuss the significance of the title "The Holy Panchayat".
 - (b) Examine the Indianness of R. K. Narayan's "The M.C.C".
 - (c) Basheer has been successful in presenting a realistic picture of village life in his story "The Card-Sharper's Daughter". Discuss.
 - (d) Comment on the theme of Madness in Manto's "Toba Tek Singh".
 - (e) Write a note on the position of women as depicted in Ismat Chughtai's "Lihaaf".
 - (f) Would you agree with the observation that 'Squirrel' is a story dominated by Feminist concerns? Elucidate.
 - (g) Examine the agony of the Parsi community in *Such a Long Journey*.
 - (h) Do you agree that "Silence! The Court is in Session" is a critique of complacent middle-class morality. Argue your answer.
2. Answer any *one* of the following questions: 10×1 = 10
- (a) Discuss Tendulkar's use of Satire and Irony in "Silence! The Court is in Session".
 - (b) Examine the role of Rajam in "The M.C.C".
 - (c) Examine the suggestiveness of the title "Squirrel".
 - (d) Analyze the character of the Card Sharper in the story "The Card-Sharper's Daughter".
 - (e) "A panch cannot see anything except justice"—How does the story "The Holy Panchayat" prove this age-old dictum?
 - (f) Evaluate Ismat Chughtai's treatment of sexuality in "Lihaaf".
 - (g) Draw a pen picture of Gustad Noble in "Such a Long Journey".

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions:

5×1 = 5

- (a) How is the quilt used as metaphor and symbol in the story “Lihaaf” by Chughtai?
- (b) Comment on the role of Samjhu Sahu in “The Holy Panchayat”.
- (c) What does Sukhame speak of motherhood? Discuss in short.

4. Answer any *ten* of the following questions:

1×10 = 10

- (a) What is the real name of *Toba Tek Singh*?
- (b) Who is the daughter of Card Sharper?
- (c) Where is the story “Squirrel” set?
- (d) What does the shadow resemble in the eyes of the narrator in “Lihaaf”?
- (e) Mention the name of the bullock cart driver in “The Holy Panchayat”.
- (f) Where do we find the character of Fazal Deen?
- (g) Who receives an IIT scholarship in “Such a Long Journey”?
- (h) What is the verdict against Benare?
- (i) Which book is used for oath taking in “Silence! The Court is in Session”?
- (j) Name the daughter of Gustad Noble.
- (k) What is the full form of M.C.C?
- (l) How old was the narrator of the “Lihaaf” when she visited Begum Jaan’s palace?

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