

**B.A. (Semester – VI) Examination, April/May 2019**  
**ENGLISH (Paper – XIII)**  
**Indian Literature in English**

Duration : 2 Hours

Total Marks : 80

**Instructions :** i) **All questions are compulsory.**

ii) Answer sub-questions in Q. 1 and Q. 2 in approximately **100 words each.**

iii) Answer Q. 3 to Q. 6 in approximately **400 words each.**

iv) Figures to the **right** indicate maximum marks allotted to the question.

1. Attempt **any four** of the following :

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- Discuss the significance of the title Dance Like a Man.
- Attempt a character sketch of Lata.
- Examine the role of Shankar in the play.
- Sketch the character of Bhagirathi in Samskara.
- How does the writer contrast the brahmin wives with the sudra women ?
- Describe the Durvasapura Agrahara.

2. Attempt **any four** of the following :

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- Comment on the theme of alienation in *On first Approaching Santa Cruz Airport*.
- Examine the river as a central metaphor in Daruwala's *Boat Ride along the Ganga*.
- What is the symbolic significance of the road in Eunice de Souza's *The Road* ?
- Describe the sensations of the passenger on the bus in the poem by Kolatkar.
- Discuss the father-son relationship in Mahapatra's *Life Signs*.
- Comment on nature in the poems of Tagore.





3. a) 'A rite for a dead man becomes a rite of passage for the living'. Do you agree with this statement ? Discuss with reference to Ananthamurthy's Samskara. 12

OR

- b) Contrast the character of Putta with that of Praneshacharya in Ananthamurthy's novel Samskara. 12

4. a) Examine the relationship between Amritlal Parekh and his son in Dance Like a Man. 12

OR

- b) The play Dance Like a Man makes one examine how our actions are shaped by society. Do you agree with this statement ? Substantiate your answer. 12

5. a) Examine the nature of love and marriage as depicted in Kamala Das' The Old Playhouse. 12

OR

- b) 'Ezekiel's poems examine themes associated with daily life in India, through a lens of irony.' Discuss. 12

6. a) 'Tagore's poetry has a burning awareness of man's place in the universe.' Analyse the themes in Tagore's poems prescribed for study. 12

OR

- b) Discuss how the Indian ethos finds reflection in the poems of A. K. Ramanujan. 12