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B.A. Semester - VI (Under CBCS Ordinance)

EXAMINATION MAY -2023

ENGLISH-Partition Literature

[Time: 2 Hours]

[Max. Marks:80]

- Instructions:**
1. All main questions are compulsory
 2. Answer sub-questions in Question 1 and Question 2 in not more than 100 words each.
 3. Answer Question 3 to Question 6 in not more than 400 word each.
 4. Figures to the right indicate full mark.

Q1 Write short critical notes on **any four** of the following.

(4X4=16)

- a) Shamnagar in Basti.
- b) Surendar's letter to Zakir Basti.
- c) Khvajah Sahib in Basti.
- d) Gole park in shadow lines.
- e) The narrator in shadow lines.
- f) Mayadebi in shadow lines.

Q2 Write short critical notes on **any four** of the following.

(4X4=16)

- a) Bhushan in 'The Final Solution'.
- b) Muhammad Ali in 'Toba Tek Singh' by Manto.
- c) The vision of Pakistan in 'For Your Lanes My Country'.
- d) The kathchanpa tree in 'Alma's Owen House.
- e) Imagery in 'I Shall Return to this Bengal'.
- f) The decision in 'Toba Tek Singh' by Gulzar.

Q3 a) 'In Basti [Intizar Husain] has produced a novel of epic ambition: a swirling storm of historical movement, scriptural traditions, and ancient mythologies, all harnessed around the convulsion of India's partitions along religious lines.' Would you agree? substantiate. (12)

OR

b) Sabirah is the real hero of Basti. Would you agree? Discuss. (12)

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- Q4 a) Amitav Ghosh poses question 'about freedom, about the very real yet non-existing lines which divide nations, people, and families.' Would you say this is true about the novel the shadow lines? (12)

OR

- b) Comment on the incident about the dog with may and Tridib as they rattle around the city in their Studebaker. Does it point to the end of the novel The Shadow lines? (12)

- Q5 a) I contrast to the graphic violence, in stories of partition on the western front, creative short fiction on Bengal partition revolves around the subject of migration.' Discuss with reference to 'Alma's own House'. (12)

OR

- b) 'It is fiction, not history that reveals the real impact of partition on women.' Discuss with reference to 'A leaf in storm' and The Final Solution'. (12)

- Q6 a) Critical comment on Jibananda Das's poem 'I Shall Return to this Bengal.' (12)

OR

- b) In the poem 'Toba Tek Singh', Gulzar takes forward what Manto did in the short story from. Discuss the salient features of the poem. (12)