

FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2018

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

(CUCSS - PG)

CC15P EN4 C07 – INDIAN ENGLISH LITERATURE

(English)

(2015 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A

Answer *all* the following questions in a word or sentence. Each question carries $\frac{1}{2}$ weightage.

- 1. What, according to Aurobindo, are all waiting for?
- 2. Who is the speaker in *Village Song*?
- 3. What is common to the poet, lover and birdwatcher?
- 4. What is unique about the city of Madurai?
- 5. What are the activities of Inter Planta Services?
- 6. How was Hardika's father killed?
- 7. How did Ganju reach Macpherson Tea estate?
- 8. Why does Rahel return to Ayemenem?

 $(8x^{1/2}=4 \text{ weightage})$

Part B

Answer any *three* of the following questions in *150* words. Each question carries *2* weightage.

- 9. Use of irony in *The Whorehouse in a Calcutta Street*.
- 10. Portrayal of eunuchs in Dance of the Eunuchs.
- 11. Ezekiel's views on the superiority of poetry to philosophy.
- 12. *Harvest* as a critique of exploitative practices.
- 13. Father-son relationship in *Financial Expert*.
- 14. Memory in God of Small Things.

(3x2=6 weightage)

Part C

Annotate any *three* of the following questions.

Each question carries 2 weightage.

- 15. Leave all thy burdens on his hands who can bear all, and never look behind in regret.
- 16. perhaps their reminding themselves

of look-after children and of home

the shooting stars in the eager darkness of return

- 17.I who have lost
 - My way and beg now at stranger's door to

Receive love, at least in small change?

- 18.the poet finds his moral proved, who never spoke before his spirit moved.
- 19. I am at the end of my Dravidian tether, hunger for you unassuaged.
- 20. He was there for a day when they had the floods. People everywhere talked of the inches rising...

 $(3 \times 2 = 6 \text{ weightage})$

Part D

Answer any *one* question from each Section in *450* words. Each question carries *5* weightage.

Section A

- 21. Consider Gitanjalias the finest expression of Tagore's mystical outlook.
- 22. "Nostalgia turns out to be an inevitable component as Indian English poetry entered modernist phase"- comment.
- 23. Demarcate the significance of Nizzim Ezekiel in Indian English poetic tradition.

Section B

- 24. Explain the social relevance of the message imparted by the play *Harvest*.
- 25. Reflect on *Final Solutions* as a powerful commentary against the issue of communalism.
- 26. Evaluate the thematic diversity in Indian English theatrical mode.

Section C

- 27. "Financial Expert is clearly and even sparklingly written, it is mildly satirical, and is excitingly interesting and entertaining"- discuss.
- 28. Elaborate on the metaphysical dimensions of *The Serpent and the Rope*.
- 29. Consider how class and caste roles that are perpetuated by society become significant in *God of Small Things*.

Section D

- 30. Critically evaluate the ideas put forward by Susie Tharu in *Englishing Indulekha*.
- 31. Explain in detail the viewpoint of Nehru as discussed in *Life's Philosophy*.
- 32. Discuss how Ashish Nandi poses the question of identity (self) in colonized cultures.

 $(4 \times 5 = 20 \text{ weightage})$
