

U.G. 6th Semester Examination - 2021**ENGLISH****[PROGRAMME]****Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)****Course Code : ENG-G-DSE-T-2**

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer all the questions.**1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

2×10=20

- a) "As he walked towards the customs enclosure a faint memory came back to him." What was the "faint memory" in 'Alam's Own House'?
- b) Which important event did Alam remember of the war of 1971?
- c) Who is called *pater familias* and why in 'The Final Solution'?
- d) "Pramatha felt happy to kill two birds with one stone." Bring out the context of the line.

- e) For whose sake can the poet sacrifice all he has in the poem by Faiz Ahmad Faiz?
- f) What is the new order of the day according to the poet of "For Your Lanes, My Country"?
- g) Who are referred to as the "apologists of tyranny" in the poem by Faiz Ahmad Faiz?
- h) Which historical incident served as the background of the short story "Toba Tek Singh" by Sa'adat Hasan Manto?
- i) What decision the government of India and Pakistan had taken after two or three years of partition in the short story "Toba Tek Singh"?
- j) What is the name of Bhisam Singh's daughter?
- k) What is compared to ghosts and bundles of rags and why in "A Leaf in the Storm"?
- l) What was Jyoti's request to the Doctor in "A Leaf in the Storm"?
- m) Whom does the speaker intend to meet at the beginning of the poem "Toba Tek Singh"?
- n) Who is Manto, as named in the poem "Toba Tek Singh"?
- o) Who has written the poem "Toba Tek Singh"? What is his real name?

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions:

5×4=20

- a) Comment on the relationship between Raka and Alam.
- b) Discuss violence as the theme of 'The Final Solution'.
- c) Briefly comment on the end of the story "Toba Tek Singh".
- d) Can we consider the refugee camp in "A Leaf in the Storm" as emblematic of the horrors of Partition?
- e) Bring out the theme of lamentation, mourning and suffering in the poem "For Your Lanes, My Country".
- f) How is the poem "Toba Tek Singh" inspired by the eponymous short story?

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

10×2=20

- a) Can we consider memory and nostalgia as central elements in *Basti*?
- b) Comment on the narrative technique employed in *Basti*.

- c) Comment on the role of class politics in Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines*.
- d) Consider *The Shadow Lines* by Amitav Ghosh as a postcolonial novel.
