

B.A. Semester V (Honours) Examination 2021 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Paper: DSE - 2

(Partition Literature)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to answer in their own words as far as practicable

1. Answer **any six** of the following questions: 5x6=30

- a. How does the story "Alam's Own House" deal with the uncertain composition of Alam's nostalgia?
- b. Comment on the ending of Manto's "Toba Tek Singh".
- c. Comment on the politics of gender in Manik Bandhopadhyaya's "The Final Solution".
- d. Comment on abduction as a theme in "A Leaf in the Storm".
- e. What does 'a leaf' signify in "A Leaf in the Storm"? Explain.
- f. What is the significance of the Bartholomew's Atlas in Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines*?
- g. Comment briefly on the title of *The Shadow Lines*.
- h. Comment on the role of Ila in *The Shadow Lines*.

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions: 10x3=30

- a. Discuss the various connotations of the title of *Ice-Candy-Man*.
 - b. Comment on the way nature functions as a backdrop to Khushwant Singh's novel *Train to Pakistan*.
 - c. How does "Toba Tek Singh" portray the madness of partition?
 - d. Comment on the significance of the various interpretations of freedom in *The Shadow Lines*.
 - e. "'A Leaf in the Storm' reveals the real impact of partition on women.' Critically comment on the above statement.
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