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M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION- MARCH/APRIL 2019 SEMESTER 4 : ENGLISH

COURSE: 16P4ENGT22EL: COMPARATIVE INDIAN LITERATURE

(For Regular - 2017 Admission and Supplementary - 2016 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Section A Write a short note on any 6 (3 marks each)

- 1. Parody and stylization
- 2. Critically examine the oppositional position.
- 3. How did the poly system group go about in their task?
- 4. What is Ahmed's comment on the reception of Rushdie in the West?
- 5. What is central to Tagore's notion of world literature?
- 6. When does the regional self of a text get transmuted to national self?
- 7. What does the nature imagery signify in "Laxman"?
- 8. What is the common source from which Emerson, Thoreau and Paniker drew inspiration?
- 9. Contrast the rustic and the urban settings in *Bhima*.

 $(3 \times 6 = 18)$

Section B Attempt a paragraph on any 5 (6 marks each)

- 10. Write a short note on the three schools of comparative literature
- 11. The foundation of globalization is laid on European imperialism. How does Said vindicate this?
- 12. Constative and performative linguistics
- 13. How do we cure the fixation of literary texts according to Lefevere?
- 14. "Indian consciousness is basically translational..." Comment.
- 15. Texts constitute history. Justify this proposition in the light of "The Death of Krishna".
- 16. Compare the characters of Bhima and Ghatotkacha.
- 17. Critically examine the treatment of cow in the story, Godan.

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$

Section C Attempt an essay on any 1 (12 marks each)

- 18. How does G. N. Devy evaluate the postcolonial Indian literary historiography?
- 19. Scripture is best recited/retold when it poignantly addresses the need of the hour. Justify the statement in the light of Nissim Ezekiel's poem.
- 20. M.T.'s retelling of Bhima's story is prompted by the anarchy and divisionist tendencies in contemporary society. Substantiate.

 $(12 \times 1 = 12)$

Section D Attempt an essay on any 1 (15 marks each)

- 21. "Politically we are Calibans all". Comment on the postcolonial predicament in the light of the prescribed texts of Ahmed and Said.
- 22. Critically examine the questions of translation in the postcolonial Indian context, in the light of the prescribed texts.
- 23. Compare the human attributes of Toru Dutt's Sita and Sitakant Mahapatra's Krishna to illustrate the effects of restorying.

 $(15 \times 1 = 15)$