M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCT 2020 : FEBRUARY 2021

SEMESTER 1 : ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

COURSE : 16P1ENGT05 : INDIAN ENGLISH LITERATURE

(For Regular - 2020 Admission and Supplementary - 2016/2017/2018/2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

PART A

Write short notes on any 6 (3 marks each)

- 1. U.R Ananthamurthy and Indian Literature
- 2. Write a note on the use of wind motif in *the Legends of Khasak*.
- 3. Write a note on the surreal world in *Harvest*.
- 4. Character sketch of Kanai in The Hungry Tide
- 5. How does casteism devise the grammar of our language and design the inflection of our behaviour?
- 6. Consider "the Lotus" as a sonnet.
- 7. Elaborate on the use of irony in the poem "The Felling of the Banyan tree".
- 8. How does Nissim Ezekiel explain the problems related to inner and outer spaces of man in the poem "A Time to Change"?
- 9. What does Mahapatra say about the lack of humour in his poems?

(3 x 6 = 18)

PART B

Attempt a Paragraph on any 5 (6 marks each)

- 10. Snake as a motif in Midnight's Children
- 11. Write a note on the women characters in Yayati.
- 12. Glorification of motherhood as a means of oppression in *Silence! the Court is in Session*.
- 13. Discuss the role of gender in *The God of Small Things*.
- 14. What does the relationship between the cook and his son Biju add to *The Inheritance of Loss*? How do Biju's experiences in the United States enhance the novel?
- 15. Mention some of the attempts made by context sensitive Indian societies to break free from contextuality.
- 16. In what way, according to Gauri Viswanathan are the humanistic functions traditionally associated with literature used for socio political control?
- 17. Can we call Kamala Das as a confessional poet?

(6 x 5 = 30)

PART C

Attempt an Essay on any 1 (12 marks each)

- 18. Critique of traditions in Samskara
- 19. The narrator of "The Third and Final Continent" ends his account with the statement, "Still, there are times I am bewildered by each mile I have travelled, each meal I have eaten, each person I have known, each room in which I have slept." In what ways are Lahiri's characters bewildered? Discuss.
- 20. Ezekiel's "A Time to Change" as a conflict and contrast of opposites.

 $(12 \times 1 = 12)$

PART D

Attempt an Essay on any 1 (15 marks each)

- 21. In the light of the play prescribed for study, consider Vijay Tendulkar as a rebel against orthodoxy.
- 22. How does Karnad give a fresh interpretation to the mythological theme in Yayati?
- 23. How does Rushdie critique the dynasty politics in *Midnight's Children*?

 $(15 \times 1 = 15)$

Max. Marks: 75