Max. Marks: 75

B.A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – MARCH 2023

SEMESTER – 6: ENGLISH COPY EDITOR (CORE COURSE)

COURSE: 15U6CRENG12 -: INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(Common for Supplementary 2015/2016/2017/2018 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours

PART A

I. Attempt the following questions in a word or a sentence.

- 1. What is the significance of the title, The God of Small Things?
- 2. Why does C.V.Raman call water the elixir of life?
- 3. Why does the railway clerk want to be a bird?
- 4. What are the worldly sorrows in "Silent Steps"?
- 5. What function does Pappachi's moth serve in the book?
- 6. Explain the 'day of reckoning'?
- 7. How does the speaker of the poem "The Railway Clerk" express his subordination?
- 8. What accoriding to Roy, the government wear mask within masks for?
- 9. Why did Phatik's cousins jeer at him more than the other boys?
- 10. How does the protagonist find the city people?

 $(1 \times 10 = 10)$

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$

PART B

II. Answer any eight of the following questions, each in two or three sentences.

- 11. What was the response of Phatik when he realized that the stranger was his uncle?
- 12. How was Anna's life before her marriage?
- 13. How does Gandhiji establish the need for religion?
- 14. How does Roy ridicule scientists plan for survival in a nuclear fall-out?
- 15. Why does the speaker in the poem 'The Railway Clerk' want to be a bird?
- 16. What significant role does Paradise Pickles and Preserves play in the story?
- 17. What picture of the grandmother do you get from the poem "Her Garden"?
- 18. Examine the post-colonial elements in the novel of Arundhati Roy.
- 19. Why does the poet say that God must have stammered while creating man?
- 20. What is the significance of Velutha's role?

PART C

III. Answer any five of the following, each in fifty words.

- 21. Comment on the characterization of Baby kochammama in 'The God of Small Things'.
- 22. Explain the concept of God in the poem "The Silent Steps"?
- 23. Write a note on the thematic role played by Manasi in 'Evam Indrajit'.
- 24. Comment on the use of hybrid language in 'The God of Small Things'.

- 25. Describe the attitude of the English people towards money.
- 26. Comment on the images in "Nani".
- 27. Write a short note on C.V. Raman's views on rain water harvesting and afforestation.

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

IV. Answer any two, each in not less than 300 words.

- 28. Examine the wood rose as the central metaphor for aging and womanhood in the story 'The Wood rose'.
- 29. Attempt an essay portraying the contrast between the attitude of the modern man and that of the tribal people towards nature in the story "Arjun."
- 30. Trace the elements of absurd drama in the play 'Evam Indrajit'.
- 31. Discuss the novel 'The God of Small Things' as a study of the theme of forbidden love.

(12 x 2 = 24)
