

**U.G. 2nd Semester Examination - 2021****ENGLISH****[HONOURS]****Course Code : BENGCCHT201****Course Title : Indian Writing in English**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 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.*1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

1×10=10

- a) To what has the voice of the orphan girl been compared?
- b) "And should she stray from virtue's way" - What does the poet mean by "virtue's way"?
- c) What does the speaker in Kamala Das 'Introduction' know about Indian Politics?
- d) "Dress in sarees, be girl Be wife, they said..."— Who said so? when did they say so?
- e) Where did the scorpion hide after stinging the poet's mother?
- f) For how long has the poet been out of his homeland in 'A Poem for Mother'?

*[Turn Over]*

- g) In Anand's story who is singing the lullaby and why?
- h) How old is the fisherman's daughter in Hunger? why is she compared to "rubber"?
- i) Who is Karuna in Khushwant Singh's Story?
- j) Who is Gaffur in 'The Guide'?
- k) What is the name of Nur's first wife?
- l) Where does Deven Sharma teach? What does he teach?
- m) Name any one writer whom Rushdie met and talked to in the Commonwealth Literature Conference.
- n) What is the name of the collection in which we find Rushdie's "Commonwealth Literature Does Not Exist"? When was the collection published?
- o) Which river valley does Roy focus on in 'The Cost of Living'?

2. Answer any **five** questions:

2×5=10

- a) Why was the poet of 'Introduction' advised not to write in English? By whom was she so advised?
- b) What sort of person is Murad in 'In Custody'?
- c) Why does the poet Ngangom feel guilty in the poem 'A poem for Mother'?

- d) How do we know that Vijay Lal in 'The Mulberry Tree' was against superstitions?
- e) "The engine chuk-chuked; the leather belt khupp-khupp; the bolts jig-jigged; the plugs tik-ticked; the whole floor shook like the hard wooden seat of a railway train"-  
What is such a description of the working place suggestive of in Anand's 'Lullaby'?
- f) "In the flickering dark his hut opened like a wound." - Why has the hut been compared to a wound in 'Hunger'?
- g) What is 'Commonwealth'?
- h) How does A. Roy see India's undertaking of massive dams and irrigation projects?

3. Answer any **two** questions:  $5 \times 2 = 10$
- a) "Feel her. I'll be back soon, your bus leaves at nine " - How would you explain these curt and punctuated utterances?
- b) Show the different qualities in the poet's father and mother that are brought out in "The Night of the scorpion".
- c) What is your impression about the ending of the novel, 'The Guide'?

4. Answer any **one** question:  $10 \times 1 = 10$
- a) Write a note on the character of Rosie in 'The Guide'.
- b) Comment on the appropriateness of the title, 'In Custody'.
- c) Do you think that the poem 'Hunger' contains elements of a short story? Give reasons for your answer.
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