

GROUP-B

3. Answer any two of the following questions:

10×2=20

- a) Critically comment on the portrayal of the newly formed nation-states in *The Shadow Lines*.
- b) Illustrate how the character of Tridib amalgamates the different strands of narratives in the novel, *The Shadow Lines*.
- c) Intizar Husain's *Basti* is a lament for the loss of a syncretic civilization. Do you agree with this view? Analyse with suitable references from the text.

OR

- d) Discuss the appropriateness of the title of Intizar Husain's novel *Basti*.

U.G. 6th Semester Examination - 2023

ENGLISH

[HONOURS]

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

Course Code : ENG-H-DSE-T-5

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ 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.*

GROUP-A

1. Answer any ten of the following questions:

2×10=20

- a) Which political leader is called the Quaid-e-Azam in 'Toba Tek Singh'?
- b) What did the Anglo-Indian inmates of the Lahore asylum fear eating most?
- c) What would Bishen Singh do when it was time for his relatives and friends to visit him?
- d) How did Alam's father explain the concept of Partition to the compounder?
- e) "That's a relief,' baba had said..." What made Alam's father relieved in the story?

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- f) What is the significance of the *kathchanpa* tree in the story, 'Alam's Own House'?
- g) Describe how Mallika's dispossessed family spent their days at the railway station.
- h) Whom does the poet Gulzar want to meet at the border and why?
- i) Describe the fate of the woman married to 'a big officer in Sindh' in the story, 'A Leaf in the Storm'.
- j) How did the doctor convince Jyoti to drink milk in the story, 'A Leaf in the Storm'?
- k) "Do you think I don't know what villainy is? Can't make out who's honest and who's treacherous?" Identify the speaker. Why does the speaker say so?
- l) How long did it take for Mallika to strangle Pramatha in the story, 'The Final Solution'?
- m) What is the name of Mallika's husband? What is disease that Mallika's husband was suffering from in the story, 'The Final Solution'?
- n) "Even a son-in-law that lives in his father-in-law's house doesn't get such pampering." —Who is the speaker here? In what context does the speaker make this remark?

- o) What is 'the new order of the day' that Faiz Ahmed Faiz laments about in his poem?

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions:

5×4=20

- a) Do you think that there is certain kind of irony in the title of Dibyendu Palit's story in your syllabus? Elucidate.
- b) Would you consider 'Toba Tek Singh' as a political satire? Discuss.
- c) What final solution did Mallika find in the story, 'The Final Solution'?
- d) Write a short note on the pervasive nostalgia in 'Alam's Own House'.
- e) Comment on the theme of abduction in 'A Leaf in the Storm'.
- f) Discuss how the poem, 'For Your Lanes, My Country' speaks of a strong commitment towards one's country.
- g) Illustrate how Gulzar uses his poetic imagination while adapting Manto's story, 'Toba Tek Singh' to demonstrate that the trauma of Partition still continues.
- h) The title of the story, 'A Leaf in the Storm' carries significant metaphor. Discuss with reference to the text.