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UG/6th Sem./ENG-G-DSE-T-2/23

U.G. 6th Semester Examination - 2023

ENGLISH

[PROGRAMME]

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

Course Code : ENG-G-DSE-T-2

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.

I. Answer any ten of the following questions:

2 × 10 = 20

- a) What was Dr. Gupta's proposal to Alam's father?
- b) Why was 1971 important in Alam's life?
- c) What happens at the end of the story "Toba Tek Singh"?
- d) Which historical incident served as the background of the short story "Toba Tek Singh"?
- e) What was Ayesha's plan for fifteen women who took shelter in her home?
- f) Comment on Jyoti's 'independent ways' before she became the victim of Partition.

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- g) Name the author of the story "A Leaf in the Storm". In which language was it originally written?
- h) What was the actual name of Jyoti? Where did she actually live?
- i) Name the members of Mallika's family.
- j) How did Mallika react after returning from Pramatha's house?
- k) For whose sake can the poet sacrifice all he has in the poem by Faiz Ahmad Faiz?
- l) "No one walks with head held high" — What does Faiz want to suggest here?
- m) Whom does the speaker intend to meet at the beginning of the poem "Toba Tek Singh"?
- n) "That partition was only the first one." — What are the other types of 'partition'?
- o) "This is how people fight oppression" — How do people 'fight oppression'?

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

$$5 \times 4 = 20$$

- a) Comment on the relationship between Raka and Alam in "Alam's Own House".

- b) "Am I weak just because I'm a woman?" Comment on the character of the speaker in "The Final Solution".
- c) Write a note on the symbolic significance of the title "A Leaf in the Storm".
- d) Describe the lunatics and the asylum as portrayed in the story "Toba Tek Singh".
- e) Comment on the theme of hope in the poem "For Your Lanes, My Country".
- f) Comment on Gulzar's poetic response to Manto's story.
- g) Comment on the significance of the title "The Final Solution".

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

$$10 \times 2 = 20$$

- a) Consider *The Shadow Lines* as a specimen of Partition literature.
- b) Write a note on the narrative technique of *The Shadow Lines*.
- c) Comment on the role of memory and nostalgia in *Basti*.
- d) Write a note on the role and significance of the character Zakir in *Basti*.