

U.G. 6th Semester Examination - 2022**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.***Answer all the questions.**1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

2×10=20

- a) In the poem “Toba Tek Singh”, who alone has to decide – “whose village to whose side”? What did he use to speak?
- b) “Slay that ‘Bhuri,’ none will come to claim her now” – In the poem “Toba Tek Singh”, what does the word ‘Bhuri’ mean? What change does she face each year?
- c) “...the mad ones haven’t yet reached their destinations” – What ‘destinations’ are indicated here, in the poem “Toba Tek Singh”?

- d) In “For Your Lanes, My Country”, how according to Faiz, “people fight oppression”?
- e) In the expression, “the stray dogs free to roam”, what does Faiz mean by ‘stray dogs’?
- f) Name the newspaper, the Muslim lunatic had been reading in the story “Toba Tek Singh”. What answer did he give to the question “what is this Pakistan”?
- g) Who did not want to swallow the “bloody Indian chapatti” in the story “Toba Tek Singh”? What did they want instead?
- h) How were the characters, Fazal Deen, Roop Kaur and Balbeer Singh, related to Bishen Singh in the story “Toba Tek Singh”?
- i) Who was Sheikh Mujib? In which context was he mentioned in “Alam’s Own House”?
- j) “One day Dr. Gupta brought the proposal”— What was the proposal mentioned in the story “Alam’s Own House”?
- k) In “The Final Solution”, what is the name of the ‘Society’ (NGO) Pramatha worked in? What works did it do?

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- l) "...if you don't shape up, don't try to help yourselves then" – what does 'shape up' implicate in "The Final Solution"?
- m) "Only a few people knew her secret" – what is the 'secret' mentioned in "A Leaf in the Storm"?
- n) What, according to the Sikh woman, is the full name of Jyoti in "A Leaf in the Storm"? In what form of 'independence' did she pass her early life?
- o) Mention two changes that Alam found in his own house at his revisit to Kolkata. Which one of all the changes affected him most?

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

5×4=20

- a) "We are apart today, but tomorrow we'll be together" –Following this, do you consider the poem, "For Your Lanes, My Country" is an optimistic poem? Discuss.
- b) Briefly comment on the importance of history to the construction of the poem "Toba Tek Singh" by Gulzar.
- c) Show how Manto has presented the trauma of partition through the portrayal of the 'lunatics' in the short story "Toba Tek Singh".

- d) "...Alam had realized that man's continuity survived in his blood, not in his address." Does the same realization persist in Alam throughout the story "Alam's Own House"? Discuss briefly.
- e) "There are some jobs still available for women" – comment on the nature of these 'jobs' and show how Mallika found the 'final solution' to get ridout of it.
- f) Write a brief note on the symbolic significance of the title "A Leaf in the Storm".

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

10×2=20

- a) Comment on the treatment of history in Intizar Hussain's *Basti*.
- b) Write a note on the depiction of the women characters in *Basti*.
- c) Show how Amitav Ghosh problematizes the national identity in *The Shadow Lines*.
- d) What role does the character Tridib play in *The Shadow Lines*?
