

**B.A. 3rd Semester (Honours) Examination, 2019-20****ENGLISH****Course ID : 30313****Course Code : AH/ENG/303/C-7**

Course Title: Indian Writing in English

**Time: 2 Hours****Full Marks: 40***The figures in the margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10
  - (a) Discuss the significance of the title of R. K. Narayan's *Swami and Friends*.
  - (b) Make a critical assessment of R. K. Narayan's narrative technique in *Swami and Friends*.
  
2. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10
  - (a) Consider Kamala Das as a modern poet with romantic sensibility. Give your answer in the context of the poem "*My Grandmother's House*".
  - (b) Derozio had immense sympathy for the weak and the downtrodden. Discuss with reference to the poems in your syllabus.
  
3. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10
  - (a) Evaluate "*The Two Lady Rams*" as a remarkable and successful short story.
  - (b) Discuss the use of symbols in Rushdie's short story "*The Free Radio*".
  
4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10
  - (a) What happened when Swami and Mani played the role of puppy and kitten?
  - (b) Who earned the nick name 'Tate'? How did he earn it?
  - (c) Why did Rajam decide to confront the Board School Headmaster?
  - (d) Who was Dr. Kesavan? What did he tell the Headmaster regarding Swami?
  - (e) How did Rajam impress the other students on the very first day?
  - (f) "That women died"—of whom is this said? What was the impact of her death on the poet?
  - (g) "It is as human as I am human", Why does the poet Kamala Das assert her identify in such a manner?
  - (h) "He felt himself a man"—Explain this taken from Derozio's poem '*Freedom to the Slave*'.
  - (i) How did the orphan girl in Derozio's poem become 'parentless'?
  - (j) What attribute of a mother is highlighted in the poem "*Night of the Scorpion*".