

AP-V/English-501/DSE-1A/19

B.A. 5th Semester Examination, 2019-20

ENGLISH

Course ID : 50318

Course Code : AP/ENG/501/DSE-1A

Course Title : Literature of the Indian Diaspora

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the right hand side 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) How does Meera Syal in her novel *Anita and Me* depict the troubled friendship between Meena and Anita?
 - (b) How does Meena Kumar attempt to define her personal identity in the novel *Anita and Me*?
2. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10
 - (a) Critically discuss Lahiri's 'When Mr. Pirzada Came to Dine' as a short story dealing with diasporic experience.
 - (b) Comment on the treatment of the immigrants in Shauna Singh Baldwin's "*We are not in Pakistan*":
3. Answer *any one* of the following questions: 10×1=10
 - (a) Uma Parameswaran's poem, "*This Land Where I Stand*" deals with the concepts of 'home' and 'homelessness'—Discuss.
 - (b) How does A.K. Ramanujan portray a picture of Chicago city life in the poem 'Take Care'?
4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10
 - (a) Who is Anita Rutter in Meera Syal's novel, *Anita and Me*?
 - (b) In which place and which year did the events narrated in the novel *Anita and Me* take place?
 - (c) 'I'm no lying, honest, papa!' Who said this? Why did Papa take her to Mr. Ormerod's Shop?
 - (d) Name any two friends of Anita.
 - (e) When does Meena decide to distance herself from Anita?
 - (f) Why did Mr. Pirzada come to dine at Lilia's house every night?

- (g) Who is Mr. Pirzada?
 - (h) Who wrote “We Are Not in Pakistan”? When was it published?
 - (i) Briefly indicate the main issue of VS Naipaul’s story.
 - (j) Whom did Santosh ultimately decide to marry? Who suggested that to him?
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