

B.A. 6th Semester (Honours) Examination, 2022

ENGLISH

Course ID: 60311

Course Code: AH/ENG/601/C-13

Popular Literature

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.

Answer all the questions.

Unit - I

1. (a) Evaluate Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass* as a specimen of children's literature.

1x10=10

Or

- (b) Discuss *Through the Looking Glass* as an inversion of reality.

Or

- (c) Comment critically on Agatha Christie's presentation of the narrator in *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*.

1x10=10

Or

- (d) Discuss the power and importance of class as represented in *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, especially with regard to the characters' behaviour and choices.

2. (a) Consider critically Ambedkar's "experiences of untouchability" as depicted in the graphic novel *Bhimayana: Experiences of Untouchability*.

1x10=10

Or

- (b) Discuss how the Pradhan-Gond art form is used in the graphic novel *Bhimayana: Experiences of Untouchability*.

3. (a) Write a note on how the fear of losing identity and identity politics play a crucial role in shaping caste and gender discrimination in India. **1x10=10**

Or

- (b) Do you think that children's literature may be used effectively to inculcate values in the young? Answer with suitable illustrations from relevant texts.

Unit - II

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: **5x2=10**

- (a) Who is Caroline? What constitutes her "Intelligence Corps"?
- (b) How were two sisters and a brother in Mukherjee Nagar, New Delhi, punished for their Scheduled Caste status?
- (c) Why did Ralph Paton agree to marry Flora Ackroyd?
- (d) What does *Manusmriti* say about a woman?
- (e) Comment on the appearance of Hercule Poirot.
- (f) "I'm like an ox in the oil-press" – When and why did Ambedkar feel so?
- (g) What does Alice think of the White Queen?
- (h) What did Abhishek Ranjan say about an elderly *dalit* woman?
- (i) What does Alice learn from Humpty Dumpty?
- (j) Why was it necessary to purify the Chavadar Tank? How was it to be purified?

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