

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

ENGLISH

Course ID: 60318

Course Code: APENG-601/DSE-1B

Partition 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) Write a note on the use of myth, history and memory in Intizar Hussain's *Basti*. **1x10=10**

Or

- (b) Critically examine Intizar Hussain's depiction of pre- and post-partition lives in *Basti*.

2. (a) Manik Bandopadhyay's 'The Final Solution' represents the struggle of a female protagonist against all odds in a post partition patriarchal society. Discuss. **1x10=10**

Or

- (b) Examine how Manto's short story 'Toba Tek Singh' seeks to contest the conventional notions of sanity and insanity in the wake of Partition.

3. (a) How does Faiz Ahmad Faiz convey his love and devotion for his nation in 'For Your Lanes, My Country'? **1x10=10**

Or

- (b) Assess Jibanananda Das's 'I Shall Return to This Bengal' as a poem of homecoming.

Unit-II

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

(a) "I've found a way out Thakurjhi – the final solution". – Why does the speaker comment so?

(b) How did the self-proclaimed God in the lunatic asylum answer Bishan Singh's query about the location of Toba Tek Singh?

(c) "You have come in waves, flooding the city". – Who says this and why?

- (d) How were the inmates of the European ward affected by the news of Independence?
- (e) What does Faiz imply by “brick and stones” in ‘For Your Lanes, My Country’?
- (f) Why at all does Jibanananda Das want to come back to Bengal?
- (g) “I live in imagined days and nights”. – Comment on the underlying note of hope expressed in the line.
- (h) Briefly comment on the ending of the short story ‘Toba Tek Singh’.
- (i) “That’s why I don’t complain to the Heaven”. – Comment briefly on the significance of the line.
- (j) Among whom does the poet imagine he would be found on his return to Bengal?

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