

ELECTIVE ENGLISH (GENERAL)

SEVENTH PAPER

OLD SYLLABUS

FULL MARKS: 100

TIME: THREE HOURS

The figures in the margin indicate full marks

1. Answer any one of the following questions: 15x 1= 15
 - a. Evaluate Toru Dutt's 'Our Casuarina Tree' as a memory poem.
 - b. Critically comment on Rabindranath Tagore's representation of Africa in the poem 'Africa'.
 - c. Critically comment on Keki N. Daruwalla's use of images in 'Boat-ride along the Ganga'.
 - d. Attempt a critical appreciation of Kamala Das's 'The Inheritance'.
2. Answer any two of the following questions: 5x 2= 10
 - a. How does the Casuarina tree help retain the poet-speaker's connection with a time and place left behind?
 - b. Briefly comment on the significance of the speaker's advice to the poet-figure towards the end of 'Africa'.
 - c. "Slowly the ghat-amphitheatre unfolds like a diseased nocturnal flower in a dream that opens its petals only at dusk" –Locate and explain.
 - d. Briefly comment on the significance of the title 'Fear of the Year'.
3. Answer any one of the following questions: 20x1= 20
 - a. Discuss Vijay Tendulkar's *Ghasiram Kotwal* as a tragedy of revenge.
 - b. Critically assess Tendulkar's portrayal of Nana in *Ghasiram Kotwal*.
 - c. Attempt a feminist reading of the play *Nagamandala*.
 - d. Critically comment on the portrayal of the Snake in *Nagamandala*.
4. Answer any one of the following questions: 5x 1= 5

- a. Describe the role of Sutradhar in *Ghasiram Kotwal*.
- b. What role does the Ingraz play in *Ghasiram Kotwal*.
- c. How and why does Naga fall in love with Rani in *Nagamandala*?
- d. Briefly comment on the significance of the ending of *Nagamandala*.

5. Answer any one of the following questions: 20 x 1= 20

- a. Critically comment on the transformation of Munnoo in *Coolie*.
- b. Discuss *Coolie* as a protest novel.
- c. What role does B. 10 play in Bhabani Bhattacharya's *He Who Rides a Tiger*?
- d. Critically discuss the major thematic concerns in Bhabani Bhattacharya's *He Who Rides a Tiger*.

6. Develop the following into a story: 15

Apratim suddenly woke up at night. There was a strange sound coming from outside his room...

7. Answer any one of the following questions: 15x1= 15

- a. Write a note on the short story as a literary form.
 - b. Write a note on the essay as a literary form.
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