

B.A. 3RD SEMESTER (HONOURS) EXAMINATION, 2020-21

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.

Answer the following questions.

1. Answer any one of the following questions: 1x10= 10
 - a) Comment on the elements of irony and humour in the novel *Swami and Friends*.
 - b) Critically evaluate the character of Rajan in R.K. Narayan's *Swami and Friends*.

2. Answer any one of the following questions: 1x10= 10
 - a) Discuss how Derozio addresses the issues of freedom and bondage in his poem "Freedom to the Slave".
 - b) In "Enterprise", Ezekiel expresses the feelings of loss and deprivation on a personal level. Do you support this view? Answer with references from the text.

3. Answer any one of the following questions: 1x10= 10
 - a) How did Mulk Raj Anand portray the women characters in his story "Two Lady Rams"?
 - b) How does Salman Rushdie combine reality with fiction in his story "The Free Radio"?

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 5x2= 10
 - a) Why is the first chapter of Narayan's *Swami and Friends* entitled "Monday Morning"?

- b) What was Swami's attitude to his new born brother?
- c) Who is known as 'the pea'?
- d) How did the students celebrate the completion of the examination?
- e) "I don't care for your dirty school."— Who said this and why?
- f) "The house withdrew into silence, snakes moved..."—Whose house is referred to here? What happens to the house after the death of the owner?
- g) How does Kamala Das use the image of the brooding dog in her poem "My Grandmother's House"?
- h) "...I'm free as they"—Comment.
- i) What is the significance of the expression "unpitying world" in the epigraph of Derozio's poem "The Orphan Girl"?
- j) What did the speaker's mother say at the end of the poem "Night of the Scorpion"?
