

P.G. Semester-IV Examination, 2023**ENGLISH****Course ID : 40352** **Course Code : ENG 402ME(B)****Course Title : Indian Writing in English and in English
Translation II**

Time : 2 Hours Full Marks : 40

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in
their own words as far as practicable.***UNIT-I**1. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

1×12=12

- a) Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines* talks about the meaning of political freedom and nationalism. — Discuss.
- b) Examine the role and thematic significance of Tridib in Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines*.
- c) To what extent could the characters of Naranappa and Praneshacharya be construed as counters in a binary? Explore with reference to *Samskara*.
- d) Which episode from the Mahabharata forms the subtext of *Samskara*? How does it compare with the encounter that defines the novel?

*[Turn over]*2. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

1×12=12

- a) "As travellers they are a failure; for they have grown too accustomed to their mental easy chairs." — In light of the above statement, comment on the relationship between East and West as Tagore conceives it in his essay.
- b) Discuss how the theme of multiracialism is explored in Bharati Mukherjee's short story 'A Wife's Story'.
- c) Analyse Jhumpa Lahiri's 'When Mr. Pirzada Came to Dine' as a short story that celebrates friendship beyond borders.
- d) 'This Blessed House' focuses on communication and relationships. Explore.

UNIT-III3. Answer any **four** of the following short questions:

4×4=16

- a) Write a brief note on the incident when Robi meets Rehman Saheb in the Indian-Bangladeshi restaurant in London in *The Shadow Lines*.

- b) Briefly comment on why Thamma does not like Ila.
 - c) Why did not the Brahmins of Durvasapura excommunicate Naranappa?
 - d) Comment on any two meanings of the term "samskara" with reference to U.R. Ananthamurthy's novel.
 - e) Write a brief note on Hammargren.
 - f) Briefly explain why Panna's husband gets frustrated during his New York sightseeing tour.
 - g) "That night there was no need to. Eventually, I threw them away." — Comment.
 - h) "All the neighbours will see. They will think we are insane." — Comment.
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