

U.G. 6th Semester Examination - 2024**ENGLISH**
[PROGRAMME]**Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)****Course Code : ENG-G-DSE-T-2****Full Marks : 60****Time : 2½ Hours**

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in
their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any ten of the following questions:

2×10=20

- a) What does the poet see through prison gratings in the poem, "For Your Lanes, My Country"?
- b) In "For Your Lanes, My Country", how according to Faiz, "people fight oppression"?
- c) In the expression, "the stray dogs free to roam", what does Faiz mean by 'stray dogs'?
- d) In the poem "Toba Tek Singh", who alone has to decide – "whose village to whose side"? What did he use to speak?

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- e) "Slay that 'Bhuri,' none will come to claim her now" – In the poem "Toba Tek Singh", what does the word 'Bhuri' mean? What change does she face each year?
- f) "...the mad ones haven't yet reached their destinations" – What 'destinations' are indicated here, in the poem "Toba Tek Singh"?
- g) Name the newspaper, the Muslim lunatic had been reading in the story "Toba Tek Singh".
- h) Who did not want to swallow the "bloody Indian chapatti" in the story "Toba Tek Singh"? What did they want instead?
- i) How were the characters, Fazal Deen, Roop Kaur and Balbeer Singh, related to Bishen Singh in the story "Toba Tek Singh"?
- j) Who was Sheikh Mujib? In which context was he mentioned in "Alam's Own House"?
- k) Mention two changes that Alam found in his own house at his revisit to Kolkata. Which one of all the changes affected him most?
- l) "One day Dr. Gupta brought the proposal" – What was the proposal mentioned in the story "Alam's Own House"?

- m) In "The Final Solution", what is the name of the 'Society' (NGO) Pramatha worked in? What works did it do?
 - n) "...if you don't shape up, don't try to help yourselves then" – what does 'shape up' implicate in "The Final Solution"?
 - o) What, according to the Sikh woman, is the full name of Jyoti in "A Leaf in the Storm"? In what form of 'independence' did she pass her early life?
2. Answer any **four** questions: 5×4=20
- a) Trace the note of hope amidst darkness and tyranny in the poem "For Your Lanes, My Country".
 - b) Briefly comment on the importance of history to the construction of the poem "Toba Tek Singh" by Gulzar.
 - c) Describe and comment on the portrayal of the 'lunatics' in the short story "Toba Tek Singh".
 - d) Briefly explain the metaphor of 'house' in the story "Alam's Own House".
 - e) "There are some jobs still available for women" – comment on the nature of these 'jobs' and show how Mallika found the 'final solution' to get rid out of it.

- f) Show how the "the seed of damnation" changed the direction of Jyoti' life in "A Leaf in the Storm".

3. Answer any two questions: $10 \times 2 = 20$

- a) Comment on the treatment of history in Intizar Hussain's *Basti*.
- b) Write a note on the depiction of the women characters in *Basti*.
- c) Write a note on the significance of the title of *The Shadow Lines*.
- d) What role does the character Tridib play in *The Shadow Lines*?
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