



VI Semester B.A. Examination, May 2016
(Semester Scheme) (Prior to 2013-14) (Repeaters)
OPTIONAL ENGLISH – VII
Literatures of India – An Introduction

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 90

Instruction : Answer all the Sections.

SECTION – A
(Poetry)

- I. A) Answer **any one** of the following : 15
- a) How does Daya Pawar question Valmiki's claim to greatness in "Oh Great Poet" ?
 - b) Bring out the poet-persona's change of attitude to the old woman in "An Old Woman".
- B) Write short notes on **any one** of the following : 5
- a) The gulf between the 'our' and 'your' in the poem 'The Election'.
 - b) The similarity between the women in Dutch painting and real-life women in Eunice de Souza's poem.
 - c) Kamala Das's views on her use of the English language in "An Introduction".

SECTION – B
(Short Fiction)

- II. Answer **any one** of the following : 15
- a) Preethi is the main character in the story. How does her role justify the title "My Beloved Charioteer" ?
 - b) How does Mahaswetha Devi re-construct the mythical Draupadi ?
 - c) How does the story "A kitchen in the corner of the house" present power equations within a large joint family ?



SECTION – C
(Essay)

III. Answer **any one** of the following : 15

- a) How does Arundathi Roy weave different issues together and arrive finally at a point where she gives a call for informed protest and dissent ?
- b) Why does Kancha Ilaiah argue that he is not a Hindu ?

SECTION – D
(Drama)

IV. A) Answer **any one** of the following : 15

- a) Discuss the appropriateness of the title 'Final solutions'.
- b) The entire action of the play is seen through the eyes of Daksha-Hardika. Comment.

B) Write short notes on **any one** of the following : 5

- a) The role played by Chorus.
- b) Ramnik Gandhi and 'liberal' outlook.
- c) The Krishna idol.

SECTION – E
(Novel)

V. A) Answer **any one** of the following : 15

- a) Marriage and the relationship between spouses is central to the text. How do the primary marital relationships in the text compare to each other ?
- b) Comment on the way Sara Aboobacker exposes the complete helplessness of the ordinary individual in the face of religious orthodoxy.

B) Write short notes on **any one** of the following : 5

- 1) Role of Amina.
 - 2) Influence of nature.
 - 3) Significance of the title.
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