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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY
Question Paper

B.A. Honours Examinations 2022

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - VI

Subject : ENGLISH

Paper : C 14-T

Indian Writing in English

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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| 1. Answer any <i>three</i> of the following questions : | $10 \times 3 = 30$ |
| (a) Comment on the symbolic significance of the ‘harp’ in “The Harp of India”. | |
| (b) Bring out the appropriateness of the title of Kamala Das’s “An Introduction”. | |
| (c) Discuss R. K. Narayan’s <i>Swami and Friends</i> as a Bildungsroman. | |
| (d) How does Mulk Raj Anand in “Two Lady Rams” portray the socio-economic impact of the Indian caste system? | |
| (e) Consider <i>Tughlaq</i> as a critique of contemporary politics. | |
| 2. Answer any <i>four</i> of the following questions : | $5 \times 4 = 20$ |
| (a) Examine the domestic life portrayed in R. K. Narayan’s <i>Swami and Friends</i> . | |

- (b) Comment on the last two lines of “Night of the Scorpion”.
- (c) “I too call myself I”—Bring out the significance of the quoted line.
- (d) Comment on the theme of illusion in Salman Rushdie’s “The Free Radio”.
- (e) Briefly illustrate any two symbols in Karnad’s *Tughlaq*.
- (f) Briefly discuss any two elements of the ‘Company Natak’ in *Tughlaq*?
3. Answer any *five* of the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) State the reasons behind hartal and strike in R. K. Narayan’s *Swami and Friends*.
- (b) What does the Cane symbolize in R. K. Narayan’s *Swami and Friends*?
- (c) Cite with references from the text two poetic devices used in “The Harp of India”.
- (d) How and why did the speaking subject in “An Introduction” ignore her “womanliness”?
- (e) Why did the scorpion in Ezekiel’s “Night of the Scorpion” risk the rain again?
- (f) Who are the two Lady Rams? Why are they so called?
- (g) What is ‘nasbandi’?
- (h) Why did Tughlaq change his capital from Delhi to Daulatabad?