



COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2021

ENGLISH

DSE-4

Time Allotted: 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 either GROUP-A or GROUP-B

GROUP-A

Literature of Diaspora

Answer any two questions from the following

20×2 = 40

1. Comment on the theme of identity crisis in the lives of diasporic people as delineated either in Jhumpa Lahiri's *The Namesake* or Meera Syal's *Anita and Me*.
2. Discuss M.G. Vassanji's attitude to history as found in *The Book of Secrets*.
3. Critically analyse Rohinton Mistry's treatment of social reality in *A Final Balance*.

GROUP-B

Partition Literature

Answer any two questions from the following

20×2 = 40

1. Nostalgic yearning for a lost homeland often characterizes partition novels. Assess the significance of the comment with reference to any of the texts in your syllabus.
2. Discuss how Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines* projects the impact of the Partition on the lives of the individuals.
3. Critically analyse the transformation of an ordinary rural place into an allegory or a symbol in Jibanananda Das' "I shall Return to this Bengal" or Gulzar's "Toba Tek Singh".

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