



B.A. B.Ed. (Semester – VI/VIII) Examination, April/May 2019
ENGLISH (Paper – X)
Indian Literature in English

Duration : 2 Hours

Total Marks : 70

Instructions : 1) **All questions are compulsory.**

2) **Answer sub-questions in Q. I and Q. II in not more than 100 words each.**

3) **Answer Q. III to Q. VI in not more than 400 words each.**

4) **Figures to the right indicate maximum marks allotted to the question.**

I. Attempt **any three** of the following.

(5×3=15)

a) Charactersketch of Amritlal.

b) Role of Vishwas in 'Dance Like a Man'.

c) Why did none of the Brahmin's come forward to perform Naranappa's last rites ?

d) Describe how Putta is the product of an inter-caste marriage.

e) What did Praneshacharya do after he was disappointed with Brahminism ?

II. Attempt **any three** of the following.

(5×3=15)

a) What is the under-lying theme of the poem 'Boat-ride Along the Ganga' ?

b) Comment how 'The Bus' is a purely descriptive poem which does not give us much information about the purpose of the journey.

c) How does 'Night of the Scorpion' create a profound impact on the reader with an interplay of images relating to good and evil, light and darkness ?

d) How does Sujata Bhatt grapple with the idea of losing her culture and mother tongue in the poem 'A Different History' ?

e) What is Tagore's prayer to the Almighty in 'Where the Mind is without Fear' ?



- III. A) "The women of 'Samskara' are symbols for the women of the rest of their caste and the attitude that the novel takes towards them reflects how women of their own caste ought to be treated." Elucidate. 10

OR

- B) "After reading the novel 'Samskara' one gets the feeling that it is nothing new, merely an echo of the questions posed from the past and presumably the future". Elucidate. 10

- IV. A) Explore the notion of gender discrimination faced by both men and women with reference to the play 'Dance like a Man' by Mahesh Dattani. 10

OR

- B) Analyse how the fissures in the relationship between Jairaj and Ratna explode into high strung battles which leads to the tragedy that lies at the heart of their discord in 'Dance like a Man' by Mahesh Dattani. 10

- V. A) "Eunice de Souza through her poetry brings into focus issues like social injustice and the condition of women by using her Goan Catholic community, where she was born as a backdrop". Analyse the statement with examples from Eunice de Souza's poems. 10

OR

- B) "Tagore's tone right from the beginning to the end is one of absolute submission, submission of the servant to his Supreme Master." Analyse the statement with examples from Tagore's poems. 10

- VI. A) "'The old playhouse' is an excellent example of putting the masculine as well as the feminine world under a microscope through poetic interpretation." Elucidate. 10

OR

- B) "Adil Jussawalla in his poem 'On First Approaching Santacruz Airport' is apprehensive and doubtful about economic status and development. He feels the crisis is little for the middle class but the poor remains poor". Critically analyse this statement. 10