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ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : DSCC-6

(Introduction to Indian Writing in English)

Full Marks : 75

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Group - A

Answer the following questions (each within **600** words).

1. (a) Trace the history of the Indian novels written in English in the pre-independence era. 15

Or

- (b) Write a note on two Novelists mentioned in Minakshi Mukherjee's essay. 15

2. (a) How does Khushwant Singh delineate the concept of marriage in his story, 'A Bride for the Sahib'? 15

Or

- (b) R. K. Narayan's 'Another Community' is a modern critique of communal violence. Discuss. 15

3. (a) Explore the implications of the central metaphor of 'the journey of life' in Ezekiel's poem, 'Enterprise'. 15

Or

- (b) Critically discuss the theme of Toru Dutt's 'Our Casuarina Tree'. 15

4. (a) Examine the social picture of 19th century Bengal in *Rajmohan's wife*. 15

Or

- (b) Analyze the women characters in *Rajmohan's wife*. 15

Group - B

5. Answer *any three* questions (each within **200** words) : 5×3

- (a) What is the name of the Sahib's bride in 'A Bride for the Sahib'? Why does she fail to meet her husband's expectations in her use of the English language?

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- (b) Why is the protagonist in 'Another Community' unnamed? What happens to him once he leaves office for home, one evening?
 - (c) "Yet, oh ! how cruel is thy heart" — Who is referred to in this line, and why is her heart cruel?
 - (d) Why is the Casuarina tree dear to the poet?
 - (e) How was Rajmohan helped by his brother-in-law?
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