

U.G. 2nd Semester Examination - 2022**ENGLISH****[HONOURS]****Course Code : BENGCCHT 201****Course Title : Indian Writing in English**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

1×10=10

- a) "Such is the guerdon of the brave!"—What is the guerdon of the brave?
- b) Who left the orphan girl 'parentless' in her infancy?
- c) How is Kamala Das related to Madhavikutty?
- d) "It is half English, half Indian, funny perhaps, but it is honest"—What is being referred to?
- e) Where did the scorpion hide itself and why?

- f) How long did the mother suffer due to the poison of the scorpion?
- g) What is the name of Robin S. Ngangom's mother?
- h) How long has it been since Ngangom left his village?
- i) Name a novel written by Arundhati Roy.
- j) Where was the Commonwealth Literature Conference held in Rushdie's 'Commonwealth Literature Does Not Exist'?
- k) What was the occupation of the mother in Anand's 'Lullaby'?
- l) Who is Siddiqui in 'In Custody'?
- m) What subject did Deven teach in 'In Custody'?
- n) The idol of which god was being given milk to drink in 'The Mulberry Tree'?
- o) What is the other name of Rosie?

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions:

2×5=10

- a) What is, to Rushdie, the essence of Indian culture?

- b) Why is the poem called 'The Night of the Scorpion'?
- c) What is Chiku's responsibility in relation to the interview in 'In Custody'?
- d) Why is 'Introduction' called a confessional poem?
- e) What does Arundhati Roy mean by 'the environmental costs'?
- f) "Lalaji, your gods are moody."—Who is addressed as 'Lalaji' in 'The Mulberry Tree'? Why does the speaker call gods 'moody'?
- g) Why is the daughter compared to rubber in the poem 'Hunger'?
- h) What sort of a woman is Raju's mother in 'The Guide'?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

5×2=10

- a) Briefly comment on the title of the poem 'Hunger'.
- b) Comment briefly on the ending of *The Guide*.
- c) Briefly discuss the character of the father in 'The Night of the Scorpion'.

4. Answer any **one** of the following question:

10×1=10

- a) Critically examine the relationship between Deven and Nur as depicted in 'In Custody'.
- b) What is the significance of the title 'An Introduction'? Answer with reference to the poem.
- c) Attempt an essay on the transformation of Raju's character as depicted in R. K. Narayan's *The Guide*.
