

**U.G. 5th Semester Examination - 2021****ENGLISH****Course Code : BENGDSHT3 [DSE3]****Course Title : Modern Indian Writing in English Translation**

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) Where was the storyteller in 'The Hungry Stones' posted?
- b) Who built the palace in the 'The Hungry Stones'?
- c) What is 'One Thousand and One Arabian Nights' that we get a passing reference to in 'The Hungry Stones'?
- d) What job did the story teller pursue in 'The Hungry Stones'?
- e) "The dearth inside/is our nature" — What is this 'dearth' in Muktibodh's 'The Void'?

- f) In Muktibodh's 'So very Far' who has been referred to as "underground wretch"?
- g) Who is Waris Shah?
- h) What is the historical background of Amrita Pritam's 'I say unto Waris Shah'?
- i) Why was the narrator left with Begum Jaan for a week?
- j) Why does Rabbu have to leave Begum Jaan temporarily?
- k) What charge is levied against Benare in Tendulkar's play?
- l) Who among the characters in 'Silence, the Court is in Session' is a lawyer in real life?
- m) Who was raised and supported by the Kashikars?
- n) What happened to Harbart's books after his death?
- o) Name the organization that exposed Harbart's business as a sham.

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions: 2×5=10

- a) When did the train reach the junction towards the beginning of 'The Hungry Stones'? Why did the characters, involved in the narration of the story, have to wait in the waiting room?

- b) Why was the Persian damsel sad?
- c) "It is fertile" – why does the poet say so about the void?
- d) Why was Nawab Sahib considered virtuous by the public in 'The Quilt'?
- e) "Someone has poured poison into the waters of the five rivers"  
– What is the poison? What does the poet want to suggest by 'the five rivers'?
- f) Which Sanskrit proverb is quoted to glorify motherhood?
- g) Who was Binu? When and how did Binu die?
- h) During the cremation of Harbart there was an explosion. What was the cause behind the explosion?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions:  $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) Briefly comment on the relationship between Nawab Sahib and Begum Jaan in 'The Quilt'.
- b) How does the present condition of Meher Ali refer to his past?

- c) "The princesses of the valley  
called Love.  
Now weep in graveyards.  
All the villains  
Now move about  
as thieves of love and beauty."  
– Explain with reference to the context.

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions:  $10 \times 1 = 10$

- a) Can we consider the character of Harbart as a depiction of alienation? Give reasons for your answer.
- b) Consider "The Hungry Stones" as 'a story around impressions'.
- c) Critically examine the character of Benare in the light of the last monologue.

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