

U.G. 2nd Semester Examination - 2021**ENGLISH****[HONOURS]****Course Code : BENGCCHT201****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) To what has the voice of the orphan girl been compared?
- b) "And should she stray from virtue's way" - What does the poet mean by "virtue's way"?
- c) What does the speaker in Kamala Das 'Introduction' know about Indian Politics?
- d) "Dress in sarees, be girl Be wife, they said..."—Who said so? when did they say so?
- e) Where did the scorpion hide after stinging the poet's mother?
- f) For how long has the poet been out of his homeland in 'A Poem for Mother'?

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- g) In Anand's story who is singing the lullaby and why?
- h) How old is the fisherman's daughter in Hunger? why is she compared to "rubber"?
- i) Who is Karuna in Khushwant Singh's Story?
- j) Who is Gaffur in 'The Guide'?
- k) What is the name of Nur's first wife?
- l) Where does Deven Sharma teach? What does he teach?
- m) Name any one writer whom Rushdie met and talked to in the Commonwealth Literature Conference.
- n) What is the name of the collection in which we find Rushdie's "Commonwealth Literature Does Not Exist"? When was the collection published?
- o) Which river valley does Roy focus on in 'The Cost of Living'?

2. Answer any **five** questions:

2×5=10

- a) Why was the poet of 'Introduction' advised not to write in English? By whom was she so advised?
- b) What sort of person is Murad in 'In Custody'?
- c) Why does the poet Ngangom feel guilty in the poem 'A poem for Mother'?

d) How do we know that Vijay Lal in 'The Mulberry Tree' was against superstitions?

e) "The engine chuk-chuked; the leather belt khupp-khupp; the bolts jig-jigged; the plugs tik-tik; the whole floor shook like the hard wooden seat of a railway train"-

What is such a description of the working place suggestive of in Anand's 'Lullaby'?

f) "In the flickering dark his hut opened like a wound." - Why has the hut been compared to a wound in 'Hunger'?

g) What is 'Commonwealth'?

h) How does A. Roy see India's undertaking of massive dams and irrigation projects?

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

a) "Feel her. I'll be back soon, your bus leaves at nine " - How would you explain these curt and punctuated utterances?

b) Show the different qualities in the poet's father and mother that are brought out in "The Night of the scorpion".

c) What is your impression about the ending of the novel, 'The Guide'?

4. Answer any **one** question: $10 \times 1 = 10$

a) Write a note on the character of Rosie in 'The Guide'.

b) Comment on the appropriateness of the title, 'In Custody'.

c) Do you think that the poem 'Hunger' contains elements of a short story? Give reasons for your answer.
