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Programme: Undergraduate

II Semester Examination, August/ September - 2021

BAEN201CCT/ UGEN201CCT: Selection from Modern Indian Literature

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 70

Note: This question paper consists of two parts: Part-A and Part-B. Number of words to answers each question is only indicative. Attempt all parts.

Part-A contains **10** questions of which students are supposed to answer **08** questions. Answer each question in approximately 100 words. Each question carries **05** marks. **(8x5=40 marks)**

Part-B contains **05** questions of which students are supposed to answer **03** questions. Answer each question in approximately 250 words. Each question carries **10** marks. **(3x10=30 marks)**

Part-A

- 1) What is the poetic device used in Nissim Ezekiel's poem 'Good Bye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S.'. Elaborate.
- 2) What are the different ways in which the persona desires to return to Bengal in Jibananda Das's poem 'I Shall Return to this Bengal'.
- 3) Comment on the themes of journey and revolution in Sri Sri's poem 'Forward March'.
- 4) Discuss Saadat Hasan Manto's story 'Toba Tek Singh' as a satire on Partition.
- 5) How does the persona emphasize class/caste divisions in the society in G. M. Mukhtibodh's poem 'So Very Far'?
- 6) What were the problems that the boys had to come across while setting up the cricket team in R.K. Narayanan's 'M.C.C.'?
- 7) Comment on the theme of hunger and poverty in Jayanta Mahapatra's poem 'A Country'.
- 8) Why did Algu Chowdhari and Samjhu Sahu approach the Panchayat in Premchand's 'The Holy Panchayat'?
- 9) What does Ambai's story 'Squirrel' try to convey through the condition of the books in the third floor of the library?
- 10) Why does the narrator of the story 'The Card-Sharpener's Daughter' say that "Ottakannan Pokker is the tragic protagonist of this story"? Elucidate.

Part-B

- 11) Comment on the relevance of Zainaba to the story 'The Card-Sharpener's Daughter'.
- 12) How does Jumman Sheik realise his mistake in the story 'The Holy Panchayat'?
- 13) Attempt a detailed critical analysis of the poem 'I Shall Return to this Bengal'.
- 14) Discuss the relevance of the setting to the theme of the story 'Toba Tek Singh'.
- 15) Analyse the following lines from the poem 'A Country':

"Why am I hurt still
by the look in the hand
of that graceful Naxal girl
who appeared out of nowhere that winter,
holding a knife as old as history?"