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BASENO 355

Credit Based VI Semester B.A. Degree Examination, September 2022
(Common to all Batches)
OPTIONAL ENGLISH
Indian Writing in English (Paper – VII)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 120

UNIT – I

(Background)

- I. Answer **any two** of the following in about **150** words **each** : **(2×10=20)**
- a) Comment on Raja Rammohan Roy's social reforms.
 - b) "Henry Derezio is the marvellous boy who perished in his youth." Discuss.
 - c) Write a note on the circumstances leading to British supremacy in India.
 - d) Comment on the role played by the Christian Missionaries during the Colonial rule in India.

UNIT – II

(Critical Concepts)

- II. Answer **any two** of the following in about **150** words **each** : **(2×10=20)**
- 1) Bring out the mixed responses to the introduction of English in India.
 - 2) How did the freedom movement influence literature ?
 - 3) "Colonialism had its impact on Indian English Literature." Discuss.
 - 4) How did the British rule bring about modernity in India ?

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UNIT – III
(Fiction and Play)

III. Answer **any three** of the following in about **300** words **each** : **(3×16=48)**

- 1) Comment on the aptness of the novel The Financial Expert.
- 2) What role does Balu play in The Financial Expert ?
- 3) Briefly discuss the superstitious beliefs of the people of Khasak in The Legends of Khasak.
- 4) Critically analyse the character of Ravi in The Legends of Khasak.
- 5) Discuss Girish Karnad's treatment of myth in The Fire and the Rain.
- 6) "Girish Karnad's women characters are not stereotypes cast in the patriarchal mould." Comment on this by examining the women characters in The Fire and the Rain.

UNIT – IV
(Poetry)

IV. Answer **any two** of the following in about **300** words **each** : **(2×16=32)**

- 1) Bring out the nostalgic and spiritual element in Toru Dutt's poem, 'Our Casuarina Tree'.
 - 2) Why does Flora declare the Lotus as the queenliest flower in Toru Dutt's sonnet 'Lotus' ?
 - 3) 'An Introduction' by Kamala Das is truly a confessional poem. Discuss.
 - 4) Comment on the central theme of the poem, 'The Dance of the Eunuchs'.
 - 5) Discuss the theme of the poem, 'Small scale reflections on a Great House' by A. K. Ramanujam.
 - 6) Critically examine the poem 'A River' by A. K. Ramanujam.
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