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ENGLISH — MINOR

Paper : MN-4

(Introduction to Indian Writing in English)

Full Marks : 75

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Group - A

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions (within 600 words) : 15×1
- (a) Evaluate the contribution of early Indian novelists like Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Lal Bihari Dey in the formation of Indian novel tradition, as interpreted by Meenakshi Mukherjee in 'The Beginnings of the Indian Novel.'
- (b) How does Meenakshi Mukherjee establish the link between the rise of the Indian novel and the 19th century social reform movements?

Group - B

2. Answer **any one** of the following questions (within 600 words) : 15×1
- (a) Critically examine the character of Mr. Sen, as a victim of his own cultural alienation.
- (b) Discuss the significance of the title 'Another Community.'

Group - C

3. Answer **any one** of the following questions (within 600 words) : 15×1
- (a) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'To a Lady'.
- (b) Discuss the Casaurina tree as a symbol of Toru Dutt's past linked with her memories of joy and grief.
- (c) What is the central theme of *Enterprise*?

Group - D

4. Answer **any one** of the following questions (within 600 words) : 15×1
- (a) Compare and contrast the characters of Madhav Ghose and Rajmohan in Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's 'Rajmohan's wife'.
- (b) Critically evaluate the ending of the novel 'Rajmohan's wife'.

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Group - E

5. Answer **any three** of the following questions (each within **200** words) :

5×3

- (a) Discuss the psychological state of the group at the beginning of their journey in *Enterprise*.
 - (b) 'Rajmohan was not a man to be deterred by a woman's tears or a woman's prayers' — Discuss the line in relation to Rajmohan's violent nature.
 - (c) Explain how Toru Dutt uses the image of the giant creeper to highlight the physical strength and endurance of the Casuarina tree.
 - (d) Discuss the symbolic significance of the bicycle in R.K. Narayan's 'Another Community'.
 - (e) Comment on the character of Mr. Sen's mother in the story 'A Bride for the Sahib.'
 - (f) How does Michael Madhusudan describe the lady in 'To a Lady'?
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