WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours/Programme 2nd Semester Examination, 2020

ENGHGEC02T/ENGGCOR02T-ENGLISH (GE2/DSC2)

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours
Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

1. Answer any ***three*** questions from the following: 15×3 = 45

   (a) How is N.T. Rajkumar's 'Poem' a poem of protest? Answer with close reference to the text.

   (b) What does Bama say about the condition of the Dalits in the excerpt from 'Karukku' in your prescribed syllabus?

   (c) Write a critical estimate of the poem, 'Habit' by F.M. Shinde.

   (d) How does Padma Sachdev project the bonding between mother tongue and nature? Answer with close reference to her poem prescribed in the syllabus.

   (e) How has the poet depicted his longing for the motherland in 'Passage to America'?

   (f) What is the significance of Kartik in the excerpt from Raja Rao's *Kanthapura*?

   (g) What did Buddhadeva Bose have to say about Indian English poetry and poets?

2. Write a short note on any ***one*** of the following: 5×1 = 5

   (a) Differences between Indian languages and English as pointed out by Raja Rao in his Preface to *Kanthapura*

   (b) Actual meaning of 'Dalit' and how it has become a term of pride

   (c) The recent controversy related to Dalit literature, according to Eleanor Zelliot, as stated in *Dalit Sahitya: The Historical Background*

   (d) M.K. Naik's desire of how Indian English literature should be treated among Indian literatures

   (e) Relation between Kobra and Shiva in 'Poem'

   (f) "Habit isn't used to breaking out in feelings".

   N.B.: *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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