



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2021

ENGADSE05T-ENGLISH (DSE3/4)

PARTITION LITERATURE

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 **one** in not more than 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) How does the poem 'I shall return to this Bengal' echo the poet's profound love for his motherland?
 - (b) Critically analyse the poem 'Toba Tek Singh' by Gulzar.

2. Locate and annotate any **one** in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) I'm told he still stands on his swollen feet
Where Manto had left him...
 - (b) Perhaps you will see a glass-fly ride the evening breeze,
Or hear a barn owl call from the silk cotton tree;

3. Answer any **one** in not more than 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Comment on the significance of the train in Khuswant Singh's *Train to Pakistan*.
 - (b) Show how in Khuswant Singh's *Train to Pakistan* the sleepy little border village of Mano Majra becomes a microcosm of the nation torn apart by the Partition.

4. Answer any **one** in not more than 500 words: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) How is madness used as a metaphor in 'Toba Tek Singh' by Manto?
 - (b) Comment on the woes of the Partition that Manik Bandyopadhyay's 'The Final Solution' brings to light.

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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