

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2019

ENGLISH

PAPER —ENG-305

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

1. Answer any *two* of the following : 8 × 2
- (a) Elaborate on the representation of Aboriginal identity in Judith Wright's poem 'Bora Bora' and 'Nigger's Leap; New England'.
- (b) "Surfacing is a postcolonial novel, though not in the traditional sense." Do you agree with this view ? Substantiate your answer.

- (c) Would you call Cohen's poetry postmodern? Substantiate your argument with reference to the poems you love read.
- (d) Comment on the centrality of the metaphor of the 'house' in *A House for Mr. Biswas*.

2. Answer any *four* of the following : 4 × 4

(a) Comment on :

"This is our hunter and our chase,
The third who lay in our embrace."

(b) Comment on :

"The song is gone, the dance
Is secret with the dancers in the earth"

(c) What is the significance of the dead blue heron in At Wood's *Surfacing* ?

(d) Comment on the narrator's relationship with Joe in *Surfacing*.

(e) Comment on :

"I have lost a telephone
With your smell in it"

(f) Comment on :

"Then let us compare mythologies
I have learned my elaborate lie ... "

(g) Bring out the significance of the breaking of the doll's house in *A House for Mr. Biswas*.

(h) Comment on the significance of the burning of the house in the Green Vale.

3. Answer any *four* of the following : 2 × 4

(a) Explain the terms 'Bora Ring' and 'Corroboree'.

(b) Why does the poet become afraid at the end of the poem "Woman to Man" ?

(c) Who is David ? Name the film he made.

(d) Why has the protagonist, along with her friends, made her trip to the Canadian wilderness ?

(e) Name any two collection of poems written by Leonard Cohen.

- (f) Name any two literary figures who influenced Leonard Cohen.
- (g) Who are 'the gods' and 'the old hen' according to Mr. Biswas ?
- (h) Mention any two places where Mr. Biswas lived.
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