

M.A. 4th Semester Examination, 2011

ENGLISH

PAPER—2201-B

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

Answer all questions

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

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

UNIT—I

Attempt any *one* of the following questions : 10

1. *Rajmohan's Wife* is sketchy and lacks adequate character motivation. Do you agree with this view ? Give a reasoned answer.

2. Sandip is a demagogue and his nationalism is a foreign import. Would it be a fitting description of the character ? Discuss with suitable illustrations from *Home and the World*.
3. Critically comment on the structure of *Coolie*. Is the ending of the novel problematic ?

UNIT – II

Attempt any *one* of the following questions : 10

4. Write a critical note on the role of women characters in *Kanthapura*.
5. Consider *The Guide* as an Indian picaresque.

UNIT – III

Attempt any *one* of the following questions : 10

6. Comment on the appropriateness of the title of *So Many Hungers*.
7. Critically analyse the character of Praneshacharya in *Samskara*. How does Naranappa act as a foil to Praneshacharya ?

8. Show how *The God of Small Things* offers a criticism of the caste system in the Indian context.

Critical Comments

9. Comment briefly on any *two* of the following : 5 × 2

(i) Bimala as a new political goddess in *Home and the World*..

(ii) Role of Parvati in Munoo's life.

(iii) Significance of 'Harikatha' in *Kanthapura*.

(iv) Use of dramatic irony in *The Guide*.

(v) Role of Putta in *Samskara*.

(vi) The Police Inspector's misbehaviour with Ammer in *The God of Small Things*.