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M.A.

4th Semester Examination (CCAE)

ENGLISH

PAPER—ENG-402A

LITERATURE OF THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT:

FICTION AND NON-FICTION IN ENGLISH

Full Marks: 50

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

1. Answer any two questions.

2×8

(a) Evaluate Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's Rajmohan's Wife as an allegory of modern India.

- (b) Discuss Raja Rao's Kanthapura as a "sthala-purana".
- (c) Bring out the appropriateness of the title of R. K. Narayan's The Guide.
- (d) Comment on U.R. Ananthamurthy's use of symbols in Samskara.
- 2. Comment on any four questions. 4x4
 - (a) The character of Tara in Rajmohan's Wife.
 - (b) The use of 'Harikatha' in Kanthapura.
 - (c) The character of Ratna in Kanthapura.
 - (d) The ending of The Guide.
 - (e) Portrayal of the maternal uncle in The Guide.

- (f) Role of Chandri in Samskara.
- 3. Answer any four questions.

4×2

- (a) Who puts Matangini and Madhav in the dark dungeon? Why?
- (b) What kind of caste-division do you find in Kanthapura?
- (c) What does "khadi" symbolize in Kanthapura?
- (d) "I felt too hurt. I thought that Othello was kindlier to Desdemona". Who is the speaker? Who has been alluded to by the speaker?
- (e) Mention the name of Marco's monograph in The Guide. What is its significance?

(f) Who was Mahabala? How was he different from Praneshacharya?

[Internal Assessment - 10 Marks]