M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2023

ENGLISH

PAPER - ENG-304 (Day) (Old)

Full Marks: 50

Time: 2 hours

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

Answer any **two** of the following questions: 8×2

- 1. Discuss any two elements of postcolonialism.
- 2. How does Dr Ambedkar compare Dalit protest in Mahad with the French nationalist movement in France? Discuss with reference to the text.
- 3. Sketch the character of Mary Oraon as depicted in "The Hunt".

- 4. Justify the significance of the title "Friendship".
 - Comment on four of the following questions:
- 5. Etymological significance of 'colonialism'.
- 6. Political context of Dr Ambedkar's speech at Mahad.
- 7. Title of Valmiki's Joothan.
- 8. Ending of "The Hunt".
- 9. The title of "The Other Jew".
- 10. The lesson Majed Mian learnt after his son's death.
- Answer any four of the following questions: 2×4 11. Name any two major postcolonial theorists.
 - 12. Name one teacher of Valmiki. How did he
 - oppress Valmiki in school/college?

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- 1. Critically analyse White's portrayal of the eponymous hero in his Voss.
- 2. Do you think Atwood's Surfacing is an ecofeminist text? Justify your answer.
- 3. Evaluate critically the significance of the title in Naipaul's A House for Mr. Biswas.

4. Discuss briefly the theme of cultural identity in the poems by Derek Walcott that you have read.

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

- 5. Importance of the Australian landscape in Patrick White's "Voss".
- 6. Significance of the camera in Surfacing.
- 7. Treatment of the Aboriginal Australians in Judith Wright's poetry.
- 8. Autobiographical elements in Naipaul's A House for Mr. Biswas.
- Reference to the Mau Mau rebellion in Walcott's "A Far Cry from Africa".
- 10. Comment "The owl's torches gutter. Chaos clouds the globe".

Answer any four of the following:

 2×4

- 11. Who are the Aborigines in White's Voss?
- 12. Who was the character Voss inspired by? When was the novel published?
- 13. Why does Atwood call Surfacing a "ghost story"?
- 14. What is the significance of Golden Phoenix in Atwood's Surfacing?
- 15. What does the house symbolize for Mr. Biswas in Naipaul's A House for Mr. Biswas?
- 16. What is the significance of furniture in the house for Mr. Biswas in Naipaul's A House for Mr. Biswas?

[Internal Assessment - 10 Marks]