

2025

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination
ENGLISH

Paper : ENG - 303

(Colonialism and Postcolonialism)

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Group - A

Answer any *two* questions : $10 \times 2 = 20$

1. (a) "I am not against one nation in particular, but against the general idea of all nations." What is this 'general idea of all nations'? Elucidate.

Or

- (b) "Our real problem in India is not political. It is social." Discuss with special reference to "Nationalism in India".
2. (a) Discuss the importance of the ideas of Michel Foucault and Antonio Gramsci mentioned by Edward Said in the introduction to *Orientalism*.

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Or

- (b) Discuss how European colonial powers used the concept of 'the Orient' to justify imperial domination, according to Said.
3. (a) Comment on Ashcroft's views on language as one of the main tools of imperial oppression as well as a site for postcolonial resistance.

Or

- (b) Discuss how *The Empire Writes Back* conceptualizes hybridity as a key feature of postcolonial identity.
4. (a) Write a note on Forster's attitude to racism in *A Passage to India*.

Or

- (b) Comment on the portrait of Adela Quested in *A Passage to India*.

Group - B

Comment on any *four* of the following : 5×4=20

5. "The pride of her traditions has sent its roots deep into her heart."
6. Tagore's reference to "Nanak, Kabir, Chaitanya and others".
7. Edward Said's discussion of 'textual attitude'

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8. Three designations for Orientalism as mentioned in the Introduction to Orientalism
9. The concept of abrogation in *The Empire Writes Back*
10. The function of the punkah puller in *A Passage to India*

[Internal Assessment - 10 marks]
