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VI Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS - Reg./Supple./Improv.)
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(2014-2018 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH
6B14 ENG : Indian Writing in English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 1) Briefly trace the origin and development of Indian Writing in English.
- 2) Explain how A. K. Mehrotra illustrates the contributions of various writers to Indian Writing in English in his 'Introduction'.
- 3) Attempt a critical evaluation of P. P. Raveendran's 'Nationalism, Colonialism and Indian English Literature'.

(1×8=8)

II. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 4) Examine how Girish Karnad depicts the identity crisis and question of existence in his play, *Hayavadana*.
- 5) How does Anita Desai portray the conflict between tradition and modernity in *Voices in the City*?
- 6) Illustrate the elements of 'Meta-Theatre' in Girish Karnad's *Hayavadana*.

(1×8=8)

III. Answer **any four** of the following in about **80** words **each** :

- 7) Raja Rao's "India – A Fable" as a parable about the country's abundant resources and immense potential.
- 8) Major themes in R. K. Narayan's "Fellow Feeling".
- 9) Provide a critical appreciation of the poem, 'Stone Goddess' by Sri Aurobindo.
- 10) How does Nissim Ezekiel present the dissatisfaction of the person both at the workplace and home in the poem, 'Railway Clerk'?
- 11) Padmini in *Hayavadana*.

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- 12) Depiction of the psychological trauma in *Voices in the City*.
- 13) What is the central concern of the story, "Unfaithful Servants" ?
- 14) Element of pathos in A. K. Ramanujan's 'Last of the Princes'. (4×4=16)

IV. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences :

- 15) Sources of *Hayavadana*.
- 16) Why Labhu was often described as a liar ?
- 17) What was the last wish of the old woman in the story "Remains of the Feast" ?
- 18) What is the theme of the poem, 'Family Dinner' ?
- 19) Comment on the use of irony in 'Railway Clerk'.
- 20) Portrayal of the landscape in R. Parthasarathy's 'Taj Mahal'.
- 21) What does Devadatta bring home from the fair ?
- 22) Who commits suicide in the novel, *Voices in the City* ?
- 23) In which place is the novel *Voices in the City* set in ?
- 24) Who are the writers known as the 'Big Three' or 'Trinity' of Indian English fiction ?
- 25) Which is the disease mentioned in the poem 'The Abandoned British Cemetery at Balasore, India' ?
- 26) Describe the tone of the poem, 'How to Tame a Pair of New Chappals'.
- 27) What is the railway clerk's only consolation ?
- 28) In which language was *Hayavadana* originally written ?
- 29) Significance of the title, 'How to Tame a Pair of New Chappals'.
- 30) What led to the conflict between Rajam Iyer and the new passenger in the story, "Fellow Feeling" ? (8×1=8)