

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, 2024

ENGLISH

PAPER – ENG-303(New)

Full Marks : 50

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

A. Answer any two of the following : 10 × 2

- 1. (a) Why does Tagore say that “America is destined to justify western civilization to the East” ? How does Tagore differentiate between America and Europe in this regard ?**

(Turn Over)

(2)

Or

(b) Do you agree with Tagore's view that nationalism is "a great menace"? Substantiate your answer with reference to "Nationalism in India".

2. (a) Discuss how Said pillories the distinction between pure knowledge and political knowledge in his Introduction to *Orientalism*.

Or

(b) What role does the concept of 'the Other' play in Said's analysis of Orientalism? Discuss how the West constructs the East as an inferior 'Other' and the consequences of this binary.

3. (a) Discuss the various strategies of Appropriation in postcolonial writing with reference to Ashcroft's *The Empire Writes Back*.

Or

- (b) In what ways does postcolonial literature engage with the idea of Nationalism? Discuss with reference to *The Empire Writes Back*.

4. (a) Do you think the title *A Passage to India* is justified? Substantiate your view.

Or

- (b) What symbolic function do the Marabar caves play in *A Passage to India*?

B. Comment on any **four** of the following : 5 × 4

5. The point of parallelism between America and India.

6. Merits and demerits of India's caste system that Tagore highlighted in "Nationalism in India".
7. The distinction between German Orientalism and Anglo-French Orientalism.
8. Said's reference to Kuchak Hanem.
9. 'Interlanguage' as a paradigm of cross-cultural writing.
10. Role of Mrs. Moore.

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]
