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M. A. (Sem. II) (W.E.F. 2016) Examination

July - 2021

ECT-02: English

(Indian English Literature - 1900 - 1950) (Elective-2)

Time: $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours] [Total Marks: 70]

Instructions: (1) All questions carry equal marks.

(2) Attempt any FIVE of the following questions.

- Elucidate this statement of Shri Aurobindo: "India is the meeting place of the religions and among these Hinduism alone is by itself a vast and complex thing, not so much a religion as a great diversified and yet subtly unified mass of spiritual thought, realization and aspiration."
- What does Shri Aurobindo mean by saying: "...that grotesque creation of human unreason which has been the parent of so much intolerance, cruelty and obscurantism and aggressive fanaticism, has never been able to take firm hold of the Indian mentality." Explain.
- 3 Despite the fact that it expresses M.K. Gandhi's views on Swaraj, modern civilization, mechanization Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule was banned by the British. Why? Discuss.
- 4 Explain how Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule gives a diagnosis for the problems of humanity in modern times, the causes, and its remedy.
- 5 Discuss the moral of the story "An Astrologer's Day" by R.K. Narayan.
- 6 "Lawley Road" by R.K. Narayan throws light on the themes of independence, corruption, power, loyalty and identity. Discuss.
- 7 In "The Lost Child" why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

- 8 The theme of "The Mark of Vishnu" is the clash between modernity and tradition, between science/reason and superstition. A sub-theme of the story is that of the blind faith and its consequences. Elucidate.
- 9 Write short notes:
 - (i) G. V. Desani's All About H. Hatterr as a controversial novel
 - (ii) All About H. Hatterr as a positive trajectory.
- **10** Write short notes:
 - (i) Irony in "The Blind Dog"
 - (ii) Fear, hostility, religion, control, conflict, and change in "The Riot"