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M. A. (English) (Sem. IV) (CBCS) Examination

July - 2021

(C) New Genres - Autobiography and Biography

Time : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

Instructions : (i) Attempt Any Five questions.
(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

- 1 "Rabindranath Tagore: The Myriad-Minded Man is not a high-brow biography but a simply written informative volume." - Do you agree with this remark? Give a reasoned reply. 14
- 2 Discuss Tagore as an enigmatic, complex and contradictory figure, torn between India's spiritual values and the spirit of the West. 14
- 3 "Despite his political and religious conservatism, Eliot was among the most innovative of the literary modernists, a figure to be reckoned with by admirers and critics alike." - Discuss the statement with special reference to T.S. Eliot: A Life. 14
- 4 "T.S. Eliot: A Life is a researched and impressive summation of one of the great modernist poets."-Explain. 14
- 5 The Story of My Experiments with Truth-that certainly sounds cool, but what on earth does it mean? 14
- 6 Gandhiji is the man who inspired Albert Einstein to say: "Generations to come will scarcely believe that such a one as this walked the earth in flesh and blood." - Illustrate the statement. 14

- 7 "Though My Story was supposed to be an autobiography, Das later admitted that there was plenty of fiction in it." -Justify. 14
- 8 "My Story is a beautiful story of a woman's understanding of her own self in respect to the relationships she manages magnificently." - Discuss. 14
- 9 Write short notes : 14
(i) Tagore as an educational and religious reformer
(ii) Peter Ackroyd as a biographer
- 10 Write short notes : 14
(i) Gandhiji's concept of Ahimsa
(ii) Poetic quality of My Story
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