



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Honours/Programme 2nd Semester Examination, 2020

**ENGHGEC02T/ENGGCOR02T-ENGLISH (GE2/DSC2)**

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

1. Answer any **three** questions from the following:  $15 \times 3 = 45$
- (a) How is N.T. Rajkumar's 'Poem' a poem of protest? Answer with close reference to the text.
  - (b) What does Bama say about the condition of the Dalits in the excerpt from 'Karukku' in your prescribed syllabus?
  - (c) Write a critical estimate of the poem, 'Habit' by F.M. Shinde.
  - (d) How does Padma Sachdev project the bonding between mother tongue and nature? Answer with close reference to her poem prescribed in the syllabus.
  - (e) How has the poet depicted his longing for the motherland in 'Passage to America'?
  - (f) What is the significance of Kartik in the excerpt from Raja Rao's *Kanthapura*?
  - (g) What did Buddhadeva Bose have to say about Indian English poetry and poets?
2. Write a short note on any **one** of the following:  $5 \times 1 = 5$
- (a) Differences between Indian languages and English as pointed out by Raja Rao in his Preface to *Kanthapura*
  - (b) Actual meaning of 'Dalit' and how it has become a term of pride
  - (c) The recent controversy related to Dalit literature, according to Eleanor Zelliot, as stated in *Dalit Sahitya: The Historical Background*
  - (d) M.K. Naik's desire of how Indian English literature should be treated among Indian literatures
  - (e) Relation between Kobra and Shiva in 'Poem'
  - (f) "Habit isn't used to breaking out in feelings".

**N.B. :** Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.

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