

2023

ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper : DSE-B-1

(Partition Literature)

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
 - (a) Critically examine the character of Tridib in *The Shadow Lines*.
 - (b) Comment on the title of *The Shadow Lines* by Amitav Ghosh.
 2. Answer **any two** of the following questions : 15×2
 - (a) Examine Manto's 'Toba Tek Singh' as a partition narrative.
 - (b) How does '*The Final Solution*' portray the depraved social situation following the partition?
 - (c) Protiva Basu's 'The Marooned' depicts how women's bodies became the sites of sexual violence during the Partition. Do you agree? Discuss.
 3. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
 - (a) Critically analyze the imagery of Sankha Ghosh's poem, 'Rehabilitation'.
 - (b) How does Birendra Chattopadhyay describe the twenty years since the death of Rabindranath Tagore?
 4. Answer the following questions : 1×5
 - (a) Who is Queen Victoria in *The Shadow Lines*?
 - (b) What happened to 'the young Hindu lawyer from Lahore' in 'Toba Tek Singh'?
 - (c) Who is the most dependable tenant of Bindubasini?
 - (d) What was the name of Pramatha's organization that worked among the refugees?
 - (e) Who is the poet of 'Twenty-sixth January'?
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