

ESTER M.A. (CBCSS) REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY DEGREE
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

English

ENG 1C 04—INDIAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH
(2019 Admission onwards)

Maximum Weightage : 30

any four of the following :

the tree's lament, an eerie speech,
haply to the unknown land may reach.
ory to Man, the new born, the ever-living!
old man from the East murmurs to himself;
ve seen !

en we awake the next
rning we found as we
ected that the job
s done, clean and complete,
d the stout lizard gone.

r, love is Narcissus at the water's edge, haunted
its own lonely face, and yet it must seek at last
end, a pure, total freedom, it must will the mirrors
shatter and the kind night to erase the water.

am a dead woman walking asylum corridors,
ith faltering step, with felted, flying hair.

n altar, a stone cracked down the spine,
shelter, a hovel of straw and sperm
ut of which rise a man and a woman.

but someone told me
e got two lines
n an inside column
of a Madras newspaper.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Turn over

Write short essays of 200 words on any four of the following :

- How would you justify the title of the poem "The Old Playhouse"?
- Analyse *Midnight's Children* as a magic realist novel.
- Discuss the portrayal of desire and temptation in *Yayati*.
- How does Amartya Sen examine the use of reason and rationality in Western and Eastern societies?
- Examine the man-nature conflict in the novel *The Hungry Tide*.
- How does the novel *Coolie* address the contemporary issues of its times?
- Write a critical appreciation of the poem "The Ambiguous fate of Gieve Patel, he being neither Muslim nor Hindu in India".

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Write essays of 400 words on any two of the following :

- Critically evaluate the transformation of Raju from a tour guide to a spiritual guide.
- How would you assess the main characteristics of modern Indian English poetry?
- Examine how Mahesh Dattani subverts the gender binaries in his play *Tara*.
- What are the main arguments of Nehru in his essay "What is Culture"? How relevant are they for contemporary India?

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)