Alipurduar University

Department of English

ASSIGNMENT

2021

SECOND SEMESTER

Make assignments according to subject combination

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Last date of submission-15/06/2021

Full marks in each paper -10

Word limit for each assignment-700-750

CORE COURSE (CC) PAPER III

Attempt any one question:

- 1. Discuss the title of the novel, Swami and His Friends.
- 2. The theme of *In Custody* disseminates the conflict of language and preservation of a heritage.
- 3. Comment on the religious and spiritual values in Kalidasa's Shakuntala.
- 4. Comment on the theme of duty versus love in the context of the main narrative of *Shakuntala*.
- 5. Discuss Kamala Das's 'An Introduction' as a feminist poem.
- 6. Comment on the development of ambivalent cultural identities as a result of hybrid cultural mix in Salman Rushdie's 'The Free Radio'.
- 7. Comment on the character of Charudutta.

CORE COURSE (CC) PAPER IV

Attempt any one question:

- 1. Discuss the heroic code of honour as depicted in the corpus of Old English secular poetry.
- 2. Discuss *Beowulf* as an epic that embraces pagan elements in a Christian frame of worldview.
- 3. Comment on Chaucer's art of characterisation in the Prologue to the Canterbury Tales.
- 4. How does Chaucer address the question of conflicting space between Christianity and feminism in *The Wife of Bath's Tale*?

ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COMPULSORY COURSE (AECC)

Write an essay on any one of the following topics:

- 1. Climate change and its effects
- 2. Literature is a way of telling the truth
- 3. Art for art's sake
- 4. Reading books in the age of internet
- 5. Art, beauty, and morality

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSE (DSC) PAPER II

Attempt any one of the followings:

- 1. Comment on the theme of justice in Premchand's 'The Holy Panchayat'.
- Discuss the tragedy of homelessness in Manto's 'Toba Tek Singh'.
- 3. Discuss Manto's 'Toba Tek Singh' as a devastating commentary on the calamity of partition.
- 4. Discuss the nature of same-sex love in Chugtai's 'Lihaf'.
- Comment on the symbolic representation of the 'lihaf' (quilt) in Chugtai's 'Lihaf'.

GENERAL ELECTIVE (GE) PAPER II

Attempt any one question:

- Discuss the autobiographical elements in the Shakespearean sonnets prescribed in your syllabus.
- 2. Discuss Wordsworth's treatment of nature in the Lucy poems.
- 3. Write a critical note on Auden's 'The Unknown Citizen'.
- 4. How does Orwell explain the nature of imperialism in 'Shooting of an Elephant'?
- 5. Discuss the nature of relationship between the Duchess and the jeweller in Virginia Woolf's 'The Duchess and the Jeweller'.
- 6. Discuss Munro's 'Open Window' as a satirical take on supernatural stories.
- 7. Discuss the triumph of festive spirit in *Twelfth Night*.
- 8. Critically analyse the sleep-walking scene in *Macbeth*.

LCC Paper 1

Write an essay on any one of the following topics:

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