

Roll No. _____

MEG-10 (M. A. English)

Final Year Examination 2012

MEG – 08

Indian Literature in English & the Translation

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 60

Note: The Question Paper is divided into three Sections, A, B and C. Follow instructions given at the beginning of each section.

Section A

(Long-Answer Questions)

Answer *any two* questions. Each question carries 15 marks. **2x15 = 30**

1. Do you agree with the view that “Tagore’s humanism is visible in his awareness of life’s sufferings and problems.” Discuss.
2. In how many ways can we interpret the symbol of dawn in the opening canto of *Savitri*? Discuss some of the more important interpretations.
3. Critically analyse the element of irony and satire in *The Guide*.
4. Discuss Premchand’s portrayal of Indian village life in *Godan*.

Section B

(Short-Answer Questions)

Answer *any four* questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

4x5 = 20

1. Discuss briefly the content of Toru Dutt's poem "Our Casuarina Tree".
2. Attempt a short critical appreciation of the poem "Night of the Scorpion".
3. Comment on Anand's views on Indian caste system in *Untouchable*.
4. How is *Voices in the City* related to Calcutta?
5. Comment on the man-woman relationship in *The Dark Holds No Terror*.
6. Discuss the significance of 'haveli' in *Inside the Haveli*.
7. Comment briefly on the theme of Dattani's *Final Solutions*.
8. Write a note on the significance of the title in *Abhijnanashakuntalam*.

Section C

Objective Questions (Compulsory)

Answer all questions. Each question carries 01 mark.

10x1 = 10

Write True/False against the following:

1. The University of Cambridge conferred the D.Litt. degree (honoris causa) on Tagore.
2. The legend of Savitri is originally told in the Mahabharata.
3. The poem "Night of the Scorpion" appeared in the collection entitled *The Exact Name*.

Fill in the blanks:

4. The word 'picaresque' comes from the Spanish word _____ which means _____

5. *My Story* is an _____ by _____.
6. *Mrichchhakatikam* is divided into _____ Acts.

Choose the correct alternative:

7. Toru Dutt's "Sita" is taken from:
- a. *The Sceptred Flute*
 - b. *Ancient Ballads and Legends of Hindustan*
 - c. *A Sheaf Gleaned in French Fields*
 - d. None of the above
8. Which one of the following does not figure in *Godan*?
- a. Hori
 - b. Gabbar
 - c. Gobar
 - d. Dhania
9. Mahashweta Devi was the recipient of
- a. Ramon Magasaysay award
 - b. *Officier Des Arts et Des Lettres*
 - c. Jnanpith Award
 - d. All the above
10. The curse of Durvasa occurs in
- a. *Mrichchhakatikam*
 - b. *Abhijnanashakuntalam*
 - c. *Savitri*
 - d. "Sita"

Key
Section C

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. Picaro - rogue
5. Autobiography - Kamla Das
6. 10
7. B Ancient....
8. B. Gabbar
9. D.
10. B