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B.A. (Third Year) Examination, 2020

ENGLISH

Second Paper

(Indian English Literature)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note: Answer **all** questions. Marks assigned to questions are indicated therein. The answers to short answer type questions should not exceed 200 words and the answers to long answer type questions should not exceed 500 words.

Unit-I

1. (a) Explain, with reference to the context, any **three** of the following passages :

3×4=12

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- (i) He is there where the tiller is tilling
the hard ground and where the
path maker is breaking stones. He
is with them in sun and in shower,
and his garment is covered with
dust. Put off thy holy mantle and
even like him come down on the
dusty soil.
- (ii) I, too, listen to the faraway wailing
of hyenas
aware of the dying countryside
around them,
tortured by hunger and the reek
of decay in the air
after the age-old myths have been
told all over again.

(iii) The new poets still quoted the old poets,

but no one spoke

In verse of the pregnant woman
drowned, with perhaps twins in her,
Kicking at blank walls even before
birth. <https://www.mgkvponline.com>

(iv) I do not want the yogi's concentration,

I do not want the perfect charity
Of the saints nor the tyrants endless power

I want a human balance humanly
Acquired, fruitful in common hour.

(v) A polaroid picture that Subbu and
Kamala had taken soon after their
private wedding in some remote
temple. A picture of Kamala as a
beautiful bride smiling at Subbu with
the wedding garland around him.

(vi) They knew. Anarkali, Champa and
hijra people knew who was behind
the killing of Kamla but have no
voice. The case was hushed up and
was not reported in the news papers.
Champa was right. They
made no arrests. Subbu's suicide
was written of as an act and the
photograph was destroyed.

(b) Answer any **seven** of the following
questions in brief : $7 \times 4 = 28$

(i) How, according to J.L. Nehru, can
one read the Book of Nature?

(ii) How is the unrest of desire revealed?

(iii) Where, according to Tagore, is the
footstool of God to be found?

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- (iv) Why did the graceful Nazal girl hold a knife in her hand?
- (v) Write a brief note on the character of Anarkali.
- (vi) How, according to Mulk Raj Anand, could the problem of untouchability be solved?
- (vii) Describe the well-episode in the novel Untouchable.
- (viii) Who is the only Indian to receive the Nobel prize for literature?
- (ix) How, according to the Indian mythology, did the Hizras originate?

Unit-II

2. Evaluate the merits of Jayant Mahapatra an Indian English poet.

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OR

Critically appreciate the poem 'A River'.

Unit-III

3. Justify the appropriateness of the title of the play seven steps around the Fire. 15

OR

Discuss seven steps around the Fire as a problem play highlighting the oppression of the transgenders in Indian society.

Unit-IV

4. Examine the elements of social criticism in Untouchable. 15

OR

Discuss Anand's art of plot construction in Untouchable.

Unit-V

5. How did the civilization in the world develop according to J.L. Nehru? 15

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OR

Assess the achievements of J.L. Nehru as a
prose writer.

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