

2024

ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper : DSE-B-1 and DSE-B-2

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

DSE-B-1

(Partition Literature)

Full Marks : 65

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
  - (a) Consider *The Shadow Lines* as a Partition text.
  - (b) Discuss the narrative technique used by the author of *The Shadow Lines*.
2. Answer **any two** of the following questions : 15×2
  - (a) Examine the motif of madness used in 'Toba Tek Singh'.
  - (b) Justify the title of 'The Final Solution'.
  - (c) Discuss the plight of Bindubashini as depicted in 'The Marooned'.
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
  - (a) Sankha Ghosh's 'Rehabilitation' juxtaposes two different time-frames. Discuss.
  - (b) Write a critical note on Sahir Ludhianvi's '26 January'.
4. Answer the following questions : 1×5
  - (a) What was the profession of Tha'mma in *The Shadow Lines*?
  - (b) Name the friend who visited Toba Tek Singh in the asylum.
  - (c) What is the name of Pramatha's trusted aide?
  - (d) What is the name of the sadhu in 'The Marooned'?
  - (e) What is compared to the "madness in Lumbini" in 'After Death : Twenty Years'?