

2024

ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : DSE-B-3 and DSE-B-4

*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-3

(Autobiography)

Full Marks : 65

1. Answer the following questions : 1×5
  - (a) Who took young Tagore to the dissecting room of the Medical College?
  - (b) In which year did Gandhiji pass the Matriculation Examination?
  - (c) What metaphor does Binodini Dasi use to name the chapters of *My Story*?
  - (d) Name any two books that were kept in the glass-fronted cupboard in his 'House' as mentioned by Nirad C. Chaudhuri.
  - (e) Who were the three people who looked after Gandhiji's father when the latter was bed-bound?
2. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
  - (a) What impression of Binodini as a woman do you form from your reading of her *My Story*? Discuss.
  - (b) Examine the role of her mentor in the empowerment of Binodini as narrated in *My Story*.
3. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
  - (a) Discuss how Iswar and Srikanthababu influenced Tagore during his growing years.
  - (b) Examine critically Tagore's comments on the education system prevalent during his childhood as discussed in *My Reminiscences*.
4. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
  - (a) Recount, after Gandhiji, his experiences at the High School as narrated in *An Autobiography* or *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*.
  - (b) Comment on the title of Gandhiji's *An Autobiography* or *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*.
5. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
  - (a) What memories of his father does Nirad C. Chaudhuri recount in Part I of *The Autobiography of An Unknown Indian*? Discuss.
  - (b) Do you accept the view that *An Autobiography of an Unknown Indian* is the writing of an anglophile? Discuss.

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