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ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : DSE-A-1

(Modern Indian Writing in English Translation)

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer ***any five*** questions : 1×5

(a) Who is Budhiya?

(b) Why does the narrator come to stay with Begum Jan in the story 'The Quilt'?

(c) Which book did Rebati get from Basudev to begin her studies?

(d) Whom does the poet address in 'When my play was with Thee'?

(e) What event does the line "million daughters weep today" refer to in 'I Say Unto Waris Shah'?

(f) Where does the 'void' reside in Muktibodh's poem 'The Void'?

(g) Who is Leela Benare in 'Silence! The Court is in Session'?

Answer the following questions within **600** words each :

2. (a) What meaning does the shroud come to bear in Premchand's story 'The Shroud'? 15

Or,

(b) Examine the view that Rebati's education is central to the plot of 'Rebati'. 15

3. (a) What is the theme of the poem 'Light, oh where is the light'? 15

Or,

(b) What images of horror does Amrita Pritam present in the poem 'I Say Unto Waris Shah'? 15

4. (a) What are the differences between Nikhilesh and Sandip in *The Home and the World* ? 15

Or,

(b) Discuss *The Home and the World* as a political novel. 15

5. (a) Discuss *Silence! The Court is in Session* as a satire. 15

Or,

(b) Comment on the use of play-within-a-play in *Silence! The Court is in Session.* 15