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ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper : DSE-B-1

(Partition Literature)

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 one*** of the following questions : 15×1

(a) Critically examine the character of Tridib in *The Shadow Lines*.

(b) Comment on the title of *The Shadow Lines* by Amitav Ghosh.

2. Answer ***any two*** of the following questions : 15×2

(a) Examine Manto's 'Toba Tek Singh' as a partition narrative.

(b) How does *'The Final Solution'* portray the depraved social situation following the partition?

(c) Protiva Basu's 'The Marooned' depicts how women's bodies became the sites of sexual violence during the Partition. Do you agree? Discuss.

3. Answer ***any one*** of the following questions : 15×1

(a) Critically analyze the imagery of Sankha Ghosh's poem, 'Rehabilitation'.

(b) How does Birendra Chattopadhyay describe the twenty years since the death of Rabindranath Tagore?

4. Answer the following questions : 1×5

(a) Who is Queen Victoria in *The Shadow Lines*?

(b) What happened to 'the young Hindu lawyer from Lahore' in 'Toba Tek Singh'?

(c) Who is the most dependable tenant of Bindubasini?

(d) What was the name of Pramatha's organization that worked among the refugees?

(e) Who is the poet of 'Twenty-sixth January'?