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M.A.

4th Semester Examination

ENGLISH

COURSE – ENG – 402

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

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

1. Answer any two of the following questions : 14 x 2

(a) Consider *The Home and the World* as a critique of Nationalism.

OR

(b) Show how Mahatma Gandhi differentiates between 'relative truth' and 'absolute truth' in *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*.

(c) Write a critical note on the narrative technique of *Kanthapura*.

OR

(d) Attempt a study of R. K. Narayan's use of irony in *The Guide*.

(e) Would you agree with the view that *Samskara* is an "allegory rich in realistic detail" ? Discuss.

OR

(f) Comment on the significance of the title of *The God of Small Things*.

(Turn Over)

**2. Attempt critical commentary on the following :
4 x 3**

(a) (i) Nikhilesh's passion for absolute truth.

OR

(ii) 'Swaraj' as 'Passive resistance'.

(b) (i) The nick-names of the characters in *Kanthapura*.

OR

(ii) The significance of the snake-dance in *The Guide*.

(c) (i) The ending of *Samskara*.

OR

(ii) Velutha's death in the police custody.

(Internal Assessment-10)

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