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**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

June, 2013

MEG-7 : INDIAN ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer all questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Explain with reference to the context **any four** of the following passages in about **150** words each :
- (a) Three happy children in a darkened room!
What do they gaze on with wide-open eyes ? 4x5=20
A dense, dense forest, where no sunbeam pries,
And in its centre a cleared spot
- (b) Really what keeps us apart at the end of years is unshared childhood.
- (c) The golden Light came down into my feet;
My earth is now thy playfield and Thy seat.
- (d) O Love, alas, that could not assuage
The burden of thy human heritage,
Or save thee from the swift decrees of Death.

- (e) The trip had darkened every face,
Our deeds were neither great nor rare
Home is where we have to earn our grace.
- (f) I am Indian, very brown, born in
Malabar, I speak three languages, write in
Two, dream in one.
- (g) But it's in flesh and flesh-tissue
that my destiny lies
and slowly corruption takes a hold.
Over from the mortuary
comes the corpse-drift.

2. Mulk Raj Anand's *Untouchable* is a piece of realistic fiction. Comment. (500 words) **20**

OR

- Mahatma Gandhi is the hidden protagonist in Raja Rao's *Kanthapura*. Discuss. (500 words) **20**

3. What does the bronze image of the dancing Shiva symbolise in Coomaraswamy's essay. 'The Dance of Shiva' ? Explain (500 words) **20**

OR

- Do you agree with the view there are two (Nirad C) Chaudhuris, a historical witness and a pseudo-historian ? Give reasons. (500 words) **20**

4. Discuss the use of history in Salman Rushdie's novel *Midnight's Children*. (500 words) 20

OR

How important is family in Mahesh Dattani's play *Tara* ? Explain (500 words) 20

5. The country's partition parallels the partition of the Das family in *Clear Light of Day*. Comment. (500 words) 20

OR

Do you agree that Gita Hariharan's 'Gajar Halwa' offers a scathing comment on our social inequalities ? Give reasons. (500 words) 20
