

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME  
IN ENGLISH**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2017**

08395

**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 : 4×5=20
- (a) Neglected, mute, and desolate art thou,  
Like ruined monument on desert plain :
- (b) Three happy children in a darkened room !  
What do they gaze on with wide-open-eyes ?
- (c) Bride of the Fire, clasp me now close, –  
Bride of the Fire !  
I have shed the bloom of the earthly rose,  
I have slain desire.

- (d) In hope of your succour, how often in vain,  
So patient she sits at my gates,  
In the face of the sun and the wind  
and the rain.
- (e) Another phase was reached when we  
Were twice attacked, and lost our way.  
A section claimed its liberty  
To leave the group.
- (f) There is a house now far away where once  
I received love ...
- (g) The new poets still quoted  
the old poets, but no one spoke  
in verse  
of the pregnant woman  
drowned, with perhaps twins in her,  
kicking at blank walls  
even before birth.

2. Discuss the narrative technique used by Mulk  
Raj Anand in his novel *Untouchable*? 20  
(500 words)

OR

Discuss Raja Rao's novel *Kanthapura* as a novel  
written in true Gandhian spirit. (500 words)



3. Compare and contrast the autobiographies of Nehru and Nirad C. Chaudhuri. (500 words) 20

**OR**

Critically comment on the way in which Anita Desai weaves the political elements in *Clear Light of Day*. (500 words)

4. Attempt a character sketch of the astrologer. Does this story evoke sympathy or anger for him in you ? (500 words) 20

**OR**

Discuss Shashi Deshpande as a short story writer. (500 words)

5. Discuss the narrative technique of Salman Rushdie's novel *Midnight's Children*. (500 words) 20

**OR**

What according to you are the major themes of *Tara* ? Discuss whatever you consider to be the most important of them. (500 words)

---