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**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

June, 2012

MEG-8 : NEW LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer five questions in all. All questions carry equal marks. Answer each question in approximately 500 words.

1. Is there such a thing as 'the politics of language' ? 20
Comment , basing your answer on your understanding of African Literature and the position of the writer in Africa.

2. Can *A Dance of the Forests* be looked upon as an 20
example of postcolonial theatre ? Answer with reference to the text.

3. Discuss the device of using a child - narrator 20
Bapsi Sidhwa's Ice - Candy - Man.

4. Discuss the significance of the title, *A House for Mr. Biswas*, highlighting the way the house is used as a trope to indicate certain situations / states of mind. 20
 5. Discuss the oral rhythms incorporated by Braithwaite in his poetry with reference to any *two* of his poems. 20
 6. How does the Mandala motif work in different ways, at the level of theme and structure, in the novel *The Solid Mandala* ? Discuss in detail. 20
 7. Can *A Grain of Wheat* be looked upon as a novel about Kenya's struggle for freedom ? Discuss in detail. 20
 8. What are the main thematic concerns in *The Stone Angel*. 20
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