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MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) (MEG)

Term-End Examination June, 2021

MEG-16: INDIAN FOLK LITERATURE

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 100

Note: (i) Attempt any five questions in about 700 words each.

- (ii) Each question carries 20 marks.
- (iii) Question No. 10 is compulsory.
- Attempt a critical essay on the beginning and growth of folklore studies, in India in particular, and in other parts of the world in general.

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- 2. 'Folk literature may or may not be realistic literature; sometimes it may be an amalgamation of reality and myth.'

 Comment. 20
- 3. Give a critical overview of the prehistoric rockart or cave painting to the living tradition of folk painting at present.
- 4. Discuss any *two* folk narrative poems which are extensively used in folktales.
- Identify/Discuss the 'folk' and 'popular' in Satyajeet Ray's 'Pather Panchali'.
- 6. Discuss the idea of 'folk' from the perspective of Habib Tanvir and his body of theatre work. 20
- 7. "Folk is a form of resistance, a critique of the prevelant norms of the society." Discuss with reference to 'The Dilemma' by Vijayadan Detha.
- 8. Discuss 'Oral Epics of India' by Stuart H.
 Blackburn as compendium of myths of various regions of India.

- 9. "The Awakened Wind: The Oral Poetry of the Indian Tribes" by Sitakant Mahapatra is his major contribution to Indian folk literature.Comment.
- 10. Write short notes on any *two* of the following:

 $2 \times 10 = 20$

- (a) Myths and rituals
- (b) Folklore of North East India
- (c) Jatka and Pala