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BEGC-103

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH
HONOURS (CBCS) (BAEGH)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2022

BEGC-103 : INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *This paper has three Sections : A, B and C.*

All Sections are compulsory though there is internal choice within the Sections. Number of words and marks are given after each question.

Section—A

1. Explain any **four** of the following passages with reference to the context, giving brief critical comments (**150** words each) : 4×5=20

(a) O Bird of Time, on your fruitful bough

What are the songs you sing ?

Songs of the glory and gladness of life,

Of poignant sorrow and passionate strife.

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- (b) Some are like fields of sunlit corn,
Meet for a bride on her bridal morn;
Some, like the flame of her marriage fire;
Or rich with hue of her heart's desire.
- (c) More candles, more lanterns, more neighbours,
More insects and the endless rain.
My mother twisted through and through
Groaning on a mat.
- (d) It started as a pilgrimage,
Exalting minds and making all
The burdens light.
- (e) In Madurai,
City of temples and poets
Who sang of cities and temples :
Every summer
A river dries to a trickle.....
- (f) She told us
That we had the oldest blood
My brother and she and I
The oldest blood in the world
A blood thin and clear and fine.

Section—B

2. Write short notes on any **two** of the following
(250 words each) : 2×10=20
- (a) The Headmaster's encounter with the tiger
in *A Tiger for Malgudi*
 - (b) Structure of *The Binding Vine*
 - (c) Relationship of Maganlal and Vimla in
"The Other Woman"
 - (d) Characteristics of a short story

Section—C

Note : Attempt any **three** of the following questions
in about **600** words each. 3×20=60

- 3. What is the significance of the title of the novel
A Tiger for Malgudi ?
- 4. Attempt a character sketch of Urmi in the novel
The Binding Vine.
- 5. "Palanquin Bearers" is a poem rich in images.
Pick out these images and critically comment
on them.

6. “Swimming Lessons” exemplifies the dilemma of immigrants. Do you agree ? Give a reasoned answer.
7. Write a detailed note on the humorous incidents in the story “The Other Woman”.
8. Attempt a character sketch of the Master in the novel *A Tiger for Malgudi*.