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MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH (MEG)

Term-End Examination

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MEG-07: INDIAN ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 100

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

- Explain with reference to the context any four of the following passages in about 150 words each:
 - (a) Silence hath bound thee with her fatal
 chain;
 Neglected, mute, and desolate art thou,
 Like ruined monument on desert plain.

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- (b) Life only is, or death is life disguised— Life a short death until by life we are surprised.
- (c) Eyes ravished with rapture,

 celestially panting,

 What passionate bosoms aflaming with fire

 Drink deep of the hush of the hyacinth

 heavens

 that glimmer around them in fountains of

 light.
- (d) We stood it very well, I thought,Observed and put down copious notesOn things the peasants sold and boughtThe way of serpents and of goats,Three cities where a sage had taught.
- (e) I don't know politics but I know the names
 Of those in power, and can repeat them
 like

Days of week, or names of months, beginning with Nehru.

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- (f) Now she looks for the swing in cities with fifteen suburbs and tries to be innocent about it.
- (g) Endless crow noises.A skull on the holy sandstilts its empty country towards hunger.
- 2. Discuss in brief the influence of Gandhi on Mulk Raj Anand's novel 'Untouchable'.

(in **500** words) 20

Or

Discuss the significance of 'Harikatha' in Raja Rao's 'Kanthapura'. (in **500** words)

Comment upon Anita Desai's use of 'Imagery' in 'Clear Light of Day'. (in 500 words) 20

Or

Discuss the autobiographical elements in Nehru's 'An Autobiography'. (in **500** words)

4. Comment upon the theme of 'A Toast to Herself'. (in **500** words) 20

Or

Comment upon the prose style used by Arun Joshi in 'The only American from our Village'.

(in **500** words)

Comment upon the use of language and techniques used in Rushdie's 'Midnight's Children'. (in 500 words) 20

Or

Discuss the relationship between Tara and Chandan in Dattani's play 'Tara'.(in **500** words)

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