



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours/Programme 2nd Semester Examination, 2021

ENHGEC02T/ENGGCOR02T-ENGLISH (GE2/DSC2)

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

1. Answer any **three** questions from the following (Within 500 words each): 15×3 = 45
- (a) F.M. Shinde presents the humiliation and injustice accepted by the Dalits in the poem 'Habit'. Discuss.
- (b) How does N.T. Rajkumar's 'Poem (Untitled)' become a weapon in the fight against oppression? Answer with close reference to the text.
- (c) In *Karukku*, Bama describes the deprivations she went through and the powerlessness of her community in a caste-ridden society. Elaborate.
- (d) In the poem 'Mother Tongue', Padma Sachdev's love for her native language finds expression. Discuss with reference to the poem.
- (e) Would you consider 'Preface' to *Kanthapura* to be an unofficial manifesto of Indian English writing? Discuss with reference to the text.
2. Attempt any **one** of the following (Within 200 words): 5×1 = 5
- (a) Why does F.M. Shinde write that "wet mud has been slapped all / over your bones"?
- (b) Write a short note on the plight of Dalit children employed in the match-box factory with reference to Bama's *Karukku*.
- (c) Write a short note on the title of K. Ayyappa Paniker's 'Passage to America'.

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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