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B.A. 6th Semester (Programme) Examination, October 2020

Subject: English

Course ID: 60318

Course Code: AP/ENG-601/DSE-1B

Course Title: Partition Literature

Full Marks: 20

Time: 1 hour

The figures in the margin indicate full marks

Answer all the questions.

1. Answer *any two* of the following questions:

(10×2=20)

- a) Comment on Intizar Husain's *Basti* as a chronicle of post-Partition reality against the backdrop of the War of Independence (1971).
- b) Comment on the non-linear narrative style of *Basti* as a mode of recapturing the past.
- c) How does the character of Mallika, protagonist of Manik Bandopadhyay's short story "The Final Solution," reflect the plight of the destitute in post-Partition West Bengal?
- d) Do you think that Manto in "Toba Tek Singh" suggests that nationalist identity based on religion is actually a form of insanity? Discuss.
- e) Show how the anxieties and hopes of Faiz Ahmed Faiz are reflected in the poem, "For Your Lanes, My Country".
- f) Consider Jibananda Das's 'I Shall Return to This Bengal' as a poem of loss, longing and remembrance.

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