

U.G. 5th Semester Examination - 2020**ENGLISH****Course Code : BENGDSHT3 [DSE3]****Course Title : Modern Indian Writing in English Translation**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

1×10=10

- a) How was the story-teller dressed in Tagore's 'The Hungry Stones'?
- b) What is Shusta?
- c) Who was Karim Khan in 'The Hungry Stones'?
- d) Why was the end of the story-teller's tale not heard in Tarore's 'The Hungry Stones'?
- e) Why does the poet G. M. Muktibodh say that the jaws of the void have 'carnivorous teeth'?
- f) "My fires are so very different from yours"— What is the fire referred to here?

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- g) "The poisonous wind,
that passes through every forest
has changed the bamboo-shoots into cobras"
— What is the poison that the poet Amrita Pritam talks about?
 - h) Who is the first character to appear in the play. 'Silence! 'The Court is in Session?'
 - i) How does Benare react when she learns that she has been dismissed from service?
 - j) "Our society should revive the old custom of child-marriage."— Who is the speaker in Tendulkar's play. 'Silence! 'The Court is in Session?'
 - k) Who is Rabbu in 'The Quilt?'
 - l) How did Harbart's parent die?
 - m) With whom did Harbart have his first 'Conversation with the dead'?
 - n) Who was Buki?
 - o) When Harbart visited Puri with his aunt, he developed a Hobby. What was it?
2. Answer any **five** of the following questions: 2×5=10
- a) Who is Meher Ali in Tagore's 'The Hungry Stones'?
 - b) Who is a theosophist?

- c) What does the quilt stand for in the short story 'The Quilt'?
- d) "Today a million daughters weep
but where is Waris Shah?"—
Why do a million daughters weep?
- e) "Leaves of our blood-stained epics fly In our
fight"— Why does G. M. Muktibodh allude to
epics?
- f) What is the function of the cloth-parrot in
Tendulkar's 'Silence! The Court is in Session'?
- g) Who Christened the protagonist 'Harbart' and why?
- h) Who was Surapati Marik in 'Harbart'? What was
his plan?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions: $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) Briefly state the theme of 'Silence! The Court is
in Session.'
- b) Briefly discuss the significance of the title 'So
Very Far'.
- c) How does Harbart relate his entity to his recurrent
infantile utterance "cat, bat, water, dog, fish?"

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions: $10 \times 1 = 10$

- a) Discuss Tagore's treatment of the supernatural in
'The Hungry Stones'.
- b) Write a note on the character of Begum Jaan in
'The Quilt'.
- c) Comment on the male characters in 'Silence! the
Court is in Session'.
