

2017

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 70

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Answer from both the Sections as directed.

Section – A

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

5×2 = 10

1. (a) Discuss the theme of 'To The Moon' by H. L. V. Derozio.
- (b) 'Our Casuarina Tree is a superb piece of writing.' Elucidate.
- (c) "Sarojini Naidu didn't cudgel herself towards explosive modernity. But she had

genuine poetic talent and she was a wholesome and authentic singer." Enumerate it with reference to her poem The Village Song.

- (d) Show that you have read and understood the poem 'The Professor Condoles'.

Section – B

Answer **all** questions : $20 \times 3 = 60$

2. "A situation is examined with ironic detachment in the hope that it would offer release." Comment it with reference to Enterprise of Nissim Ezekiel.

OR

"Parthasarathy's best poems reveal an uncommon talent and a sensibility that deliberately puts shackles on itself." Critically analyse this with reference to his poem Delhi.

3. "..... The indictment it(He Who Rides A Tiger) carries is delivered with more deftness and satire and entertainment are mixed in almost equal proportion." Do you agree ? Give a reasoned answer.

OR

Role played by Kalo in "He Who Rides a Tiger" by Bhabani Bhattacharaya.

4. Do you consider that the conflict between fantasy and reality is one of the themes of the novel in Custody ? Give arguments in support of your answer.

OR

The protagonist of the novel(in Custody) thinks that life so far has been 'empty' and that 'marriage, a family and a job had placed him in (a) cage'. Elucidate.

