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ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : DSE-A-3

(Partition Literature)

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

1. Answer the following questions : 1×5
 - (a) What was Thamma's profession before her retirement?
 - (b) What is the name of Mallika's sister-in-law in 'The Final Solution'?
 - (c) How much money did Bindubashini have in her purse when she started for 'Hindustan'?
 - (d) What does the poet Sankha Ghosh refer to as 'the two flintstones that scrape each other'?
 - (e) Who is addressed as 'Poet' in Birendra Chattopadhyay's 'After Death : Twenty Years'?
 2. Answer **any one** of the following questions within **600** words : 15×1
 - (a) Critically explain the different concepts of freedom that emerged in *The Shadow Lines* with special reference to Thamma and Ila.
 - (b) Critically analyze the character of Tridib in Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines*.
 3. Answer **any two** of the following questions within **600** words each : 15×2
 - (a) Manik Bandopadhyay's 'The Final Solution' epitomizes the struggle of a female protagonist against a depraved society. — Discuss.
 - (b) Critically analyze the title of Protiva Basu's 'The Marooned'.
 - (c) Discuss the story of Manto's 'Toba Tek Singh' as a satire on partition.
 4. Answer **any one** of the following questions within **600** words : 15×1
 - (a) Describe after Sahir Ludhianvi how the post-Independence India failed to live up to the expectations of the poet and his contemporaries.
 - (b) Critically comment on the title of Birendra Chattopadhyay's poem 'After Death : Twenty Years'.
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