

2022

ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : DSE-A-1

(Modern Indian Writing in English Translation)

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 **any five** questions :

- (a) Who is Budhiya? 1×5
- (b) Why does the narrator come to stay with Begum Jan in the story 'The Quilt'?
- (c) Which book did Rebati get from Basudev to begin her studies?
- (d) Whom does the poet address in 'When my play was with Thee'?
- (e) What event does the line "million daughters weep today" refer to in 'I Say Unto Waris Shah'?
- (f) Where does the 'void' reside in Muktibodh's poem 'The Void'?
- (g) Who is Leela Benare in 'Silence! The Court is in Session'?

Answer the following questions within **600** words each :

- 2. (a) What meaning does the shroud come to bear in Premchand's story 'The Shroud'? 15  
*Or,*  
 (b) Examine the view that Rebati's education is central to the plot of 'Rebati'. 15
- 3. (a) What is the theme of the poem 'Light, oh where is the light'? 15  
*Or,*  
 (b) What images of horror does Amrita Pritam present in the poem 'I Say Unto Waris Shah'? 15
- 4. (a) What are the differences between Nikhilesh and Sandip in *The Home and the World*? 15  
*Or,*  
 (b) Discuss *The Home and the World* as a political novel. 15
- 5. (a) Discuss *Silence! The Court is in Session* as a satire. 15  
*Or,*  
 (b) Comment on the use of play-within-a-play in *Silence! The Court is in Session*. 15