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BEGC-103

BACHELOR IN ENGLISH HONOURS

(CBCS) (BAEGH)

Term-End Examination

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BEGC-103 : INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : This paper has three Sections : A, B and C.

All Sections are compulsory though there is internal choice within the Sections. Number of words and marks are given after each question.

Section—A

1. Explain any *four* of the following passages with reference to the context, giving brief critical comments (150 words each) : $4 \times 5 = 20$

(a) Lightly O lightly, we bear her along.

She sways like a flower in the wind of our
song;

She skims like a bird on the foam of a
stream

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- (b) My mother only said
Thank God the scorpion picked on me
And spared my children.
- (c) The trip had darkened every face,
Our deeds were ~~neither~~ great nor rare.
Home is where we have to gather grace.
- (d) The river has water enough
To be poetic
About only once a year
And then
It carries away
In the first half hour
Three village houses
- (e) The tiles have fallen here and there
The windows whine and groan
And every night
The rats come out of holes
And scamper past our door.
- (f) Of hope that sows for the years unborn
And faith that dreams of tarrying morn,
The fragrant peace of the twilight's breath
And the mystic silence that men call death.

Section—B

2. Write short notes on any *two* of the following
(in 250 words each) : 2×10=20

- (a) Character of Rita in *A Tiger for Malgudi*
- (b) Ending of the novel *The Binding Vine*
- (c) Theme of "Swimming Lessons"
- (d) Imagery in "Palanquin Bearers"

Section—C

Note : Attempt any *three* of the following questions
in about 600 words each.

- 3. Trace the four different stages of the tiger's life
as seen in the novel *A Tiger for Malgudi*. 20
- 4. Would it be correct to call *The Binding Vine* a
feminist novel ? Give reasons for your answer.

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5. Attempt a critical analysis of the poem "Night of the Scorpion". 20
6. Is it possible to interpret "The Lost Child" on two levels? If so, give reasons for your answer. 20
7. Why is learning swimming so important for the protagonist of the short story "Swimming Lessons"? Give a reasoned answer. 20
8. Trace the origin of Indian poetry in English and comment briefly on some Indian English poets. 20