

## WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2022

## **ENGACOR14T-ENGLISH (CC14)**

## POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

- 1. Answer any *two* of the following questions, each in about 500 words:
- $15 \times 2 = 30$
- (a) Critically examine Pablo Neruda's 'Tonight I Can Write' as a poem of love and despair.
- (b) Comment on the various images and symbols employed by Derek Walcott in 'A Far Cry from Africa'.
- (c) David Malouf's 'Revolving Days' is a love poem with a difference. Do you agree?
- (d) Mamang Dai reflects on the eternal cycle of life and death in 'Small Towns and the River'. Discuss and substantiate your answer with close reference to the text.
- 2. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 500 words:

 $15 \times 1 = 15$ 

- (a) Chinua Achebe's *Thing's Fall Apart* is considered to be one of the finest specimens of postcolonial fiction. Discuss.
- (b) Examine the significance of the title of Chinua Achebe's *Thing's Fall Apart*.
- 3. Answer any *one* of the following in about 200 words:

 $5\times1=5$ 

- (a) Comment on the feminist overtones Bessie Head's short story 'The Collector of Treasures'.
- (b) How does Ama Ata Aidoo represent patriarchy and submission of women in 'The Girl Who Can'?
- (c) Write a short note on the role of women in nation-building in 'The Girl Who Can'?
  - **N.B.:** Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.

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