

**B.A. Semester VI (General) Examination 2022 (CBCS)**

**Subject: English**

**Paper: DSE 1B/ 2B**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

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 ten** of the following questions: 2X10=20

- a. Mention the three things Samant carries in his hands when he first appears on the stage.
- b. Name the two absent characters in the play *Silence! The Court is in Session* and also the roles that they were supposed to play.
- c. What did Benare write on the first page of her new books as a schoolgirl?
- d. “Can’t shut up at home, can’t shut up here!” --- Who says this and about whom and why?
- e. In the imaginary case in the play *Silence! The Court is in Session* what was the charge framed and against whom?
- f. What verdict is passed by the mock-court on the accused?
- g. Why does Amrita Pritam compare her life to a burning cigarette in ‘A Story of Fire’?
- h. On which note of advice does the poem ‘A Story of Fire’ end?
- i. What does the phrase ‘bread of dreams’ signify in Amrita Pritam’s poem?
- j. How is the poet persona attacked in ‘A Bread of Dreams’?
- k. Which one of Mrinal’s attributes was the cause of worry for her mother?
- l. Why did the eldest daughter-in-law remain subdued in her family in *The Wife’s Letter*?
- m. What was Bindu accused of in *The Wife’s Letter*?
- n. Why was the English doctor surprised on entering the confinement room?
- o. Mention the address of the address of the Kolkata house in which Mrinal lived. Where did she go after leaving it?

2. Answer **any four** of the following questions: 5x4=20

- a. What was the worth of women in Mrinal’s marital house?
- b. Comment on the role Mrs Kashikar in *Silence! The Court is in Session*.
- c. Who persuades Balu Rokde to give evidence against Benare? What does he reveal in his evidence?
- d. Comment on Benare’s thoughts on teaching in a school.
- e. Which news spread in ‘A Bread of Dreams’? What ensued after that?
- f. To whom is the poem ‘A Story of Fire’ addressed? Describe in your own words his relation with the poet-speaker.

3. Answer *any two* of the following questions

10X2=20

- a. Discuss how *The Wife's Letter* registers a women's defiance against the servitude of women in a patriarchal society.
- b. Give a character sketch of Samant.
- c. Critically analyse Amrita Pritam's 'A Story of Fire' as a quest for liberation and self-realization.
- d. Show how Mahasweta Devi's *Draupdi* is a recasting of a mythical figure in the *Mahabharata*.