

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

December, 2011

MEG-7 : INDIAN ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Answer all questions. All questions carry equal marks.*

1. Explain with reference to the content *any four* of the following passages in about **150** words each. **4x5=20**
- (a) At everytear she sheds
Tears from three pairs of young eyes ball
amain.
And bowed in sorrow are the three young
heads.
- (b) When I awoke , alas , my love was vain E'en
to annul one throe of destined pain
Or by one heart-beat to prolong they breath;
- (c) Long and lean , her years were cold as rubber
She opened her wormy legs wide. I felt the
hunger there,
the other one the fish slithering , turning
inside.

- (d) you cannot believe, darling
 can you that I lived in such a house and
 Was proud, and loved.... I who have lost
 My way and beg now at stranger's doors to
 Receive love , at least in small change.
- (e) Who was that, you ask
 The eight arm goddess, the priest replies
 A sceptic match coughs. you can count.
 But she has eighteen, you protest.
- (f) Depressed and weary we march back to the
 lines.
 A leader say's over the evening wireless,
 "We are marching forward."
- (g) He had spent his youth whoring the English
 gods.
 There is something to be said for exile.

2. Critically examine Gandhiji's speech on 20
 untouchability in *untouchable*. Do you think the
 solution he offers is radical enough ? Discuss. (450
 words)

OR

How does Raja Rao achieve a fusion of theme,
 form and narration in *Kanthapura* ? Discuss.

3. How does Swami Vivekananda view Buddhism ? 20
Discuss. (450 words)

OR

Comment on the significance Angkor Wat as a symbol of the future , not the past.

4. What are the major strengths of Anita Desai's 20
Clear Light of Day ? (450 words)

OR

Pick out two of the stories from your course and discuss the narrative technique used in them.

5. Discuss the structure of *Midnight Children*. 20
(450 words)

OR

Discuss the major themes in *Tara*.
