

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

June, 2013

MEG-10 : ENGLISH STUDIES IN INDIA

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt five questions in all. Section-A and Section-C are compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION-A

Attempt *any one* question from this section.

1. What are the arguments used by T B Macaulay in his *Minute on Indian Education*, to advocate the introduction of English in India ? 20
2. Comment on the changed attitude of the Indian middle class towards English in the nineteen fifties. 20

SECTION-B

Attempt *any three* questions from this section.

3. Give a detailed account of the character of Michael Madhusudan Dutt's literary outputs in English. 20
4. Why did Bankim choose to write his first novel in English ? What role does the choice of language play in the writing of a novel, particularly when one of the available languages enjoys social power ? 20
5. Discuss the privileged position of English in the context of translation of literary texts. 20
6. Examine the formation of English Literature as a discipline in the context of England and that of colonial India. 20
7. Write a short essay on the links between imperialism and canon formation. 20

SECTION-C

Attempt *any one* question from this section.

8. What kind of *canon* does Miller's argument suggest? Or is it an attack on all *canons*? Discuss. 20

 9. Compare Premchand's writing with that of Mulk Raj Anand and Raja Rao and investigate the ways in which they come to terms with the problem of language and reader from their respective positions. 20

 10. How does Said define Orientalism? What are the flaws, or loop holes, in Said's argument? Do they seriously undermine his argument? 20
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