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Second Semester B.A. Honours Degree Examination, September 2022

English Language and Literature

BAHE 125 : CONTEMPORARY INDIAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE

(2013 Scheme)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

1. Write short notes in about 1½ pages each on any **seven** of the following choosing at least **two** from each section.

SECTION – A

1. What is the theme of the poem, "Street Dog" by Amrita Pritam?
2. Why does the poet wish to be a minister in the poem, "Of a Minister"?
3. What is the theme of the poem, "I want to be Killed by an Indian Bullet".
4. Why does the speaker need a broom in "Wanted A Broom" by Chandrakanti?

SECTION – B

5. Discuss the aptness of the title, *Andhayug*.
6. Write a short note on the narrative structure of *Nagamandala*.
7. Attempt a character sketch of the two women characters in *Kamala*.
8. Comment on the use of myths in *Nagamandala*.

SECTION – C

9. What is the theme of "The Spilt Milk" by Nanak Singh?
10. What is the crime that the mother commits in, "My Mother, Her Crime"?
11. Attempt a character sketch of Binodini.
12. Write a short note on the portrayal of women in Popuri Lalitha Kumari's fiction.

(7 × 5 = 35 Marks)

- II. Write essays in about **four** pages on any **three** of the following without omitting any section.

SECTION – A

1. Discuss the portrayal of women and patriarchy as seen in any poem prescribed for you.
2. Major concerns of literature of the Northeast.

SECTION – B

3. Discuss *Andhayug* as an allegory.
4. The use of mythology in Indian theatre.

SECTION – C

5. Attempt an essay on the major concerns of women's writing based on the texts prescribed for you.
6. Write a short note on the use of humour in "Toba Tek Singh".

(3 × 15 = 45 Marks)