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(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

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ENGLISH (GENERAL)

Paper : IV

Date : 27/06/2022

Time : 11 am – 2 pm

Full Marks : 75

1. Answer **any two** of the following questions: [2×10]
 - a) 'The poem 'A River' is more about poetic responses to human suffering than about a river'. Comment.
 - b) Give the substance of the poem 'An Introduction'.
 - c) What is the theme of Derozio's poem 'To India My Native Land' How does the poet develop the theme?
 - d) What idea do you have about Miss Pushpa's character from Nissim Ezekiel's poem?
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×20]
 - a) What dramatic purpose is served by the encounter between Manjula and the Image in Karnad's play 'Broken Images'? Does Karnad succeed in achieving his purpose? Give reasons for your answer.
 - b) How does Karnad represent in 'Broken Images' the debate on the use of English as the language of artistic expression by Indian writers? What is your views on this issue?
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×20]
 - a) Comment on the depiction of socially marginalised characters in Raja Rao's Kanthapura.
 - b) What role does Harikatha play in Raja Rao's Kanthapura? Discuss with reference to the text.
4. Write a precis of **any one** of the following passages and add a suitable title: [1×15]
 - a) Today there are 3000 million people in the world. Fifty years ago only about 2000 million people lived in it. If earth's population were evenly distributed over its land surface, there would be about 550 persons to the square mile. But Earth has vast areas of forest, mountains and desert which are almost totally uninhabited. On the other hand, it has great cities each with millions of people living in a few square miles. To feed the fast growing population of our earth, scientists and planners have to discover new ways to produce more. One possible way is to bring more land under cultivation. This can be done only in places where there is lot of uncultivated land. In many places this is no longer possible because all the arable land is already cultivated. A second way is to make use of new types of seeds to produce more. Already a number of new strains of paddy and wheat have been developed in different parts of the world. India is one of the countries where a lot of useful work has been done in the field of agricultural research. [190 words]

- b) Man first appeared on earth half a million years ago. Then he was little more than an animal. Even so, early man had certain advantages over the animals. He had a large brain, he had an upright body with quick-moving hands. He invented a language to communicate with his fellow men. This ability to speak was of supreme value because it allowed men to share ideas and to plan together: speech has enabled ideas to be passed on from generation to generation. These special advantages put men far ahead of all other living creatures. Since those far-off times, when he first made his appearance, man has achieved a great deal. [110 words]

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