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Name of the Paper : English Discipline—Fable of the Mermaid & the Drunks

Name of the Course : B.A. (Prog.) English Discipline

Semester : VI

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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This paper contains three Sections A, B and C.

All the three Sections are compulsory.

### Section A

1. Answer Part (a) and Part (b). Each part carries 10 marks :

Place these lines in their context. Explain them and add critical comments :

(a) She loved me sometimes, and I loved her too.

How could one not have loved her great still eyes.

Tonight I can write the saddest lines.

To think that I do not have her. To feel that I have lost her.

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P.T.O.

*Or*

She was a mermaid who had lost her way.

The insults flowed down her gleaming flesh.

Obscenities drowned her golden breasts.

Not knowing tears, she did not weep tears.

Not knowing clothes, she did not have clothes.

- (b) Once upon a time the whites had timber plantations in Kuruda. They left gradually after independence. Mary's mother looked after the Dixon bungalow and household. Dixon's son came back in 1959 and sold the house, forest, everything else. He put Mary in Bhikni's womb before he left. He went to Australia.

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*Or*

Mary is not afraid, she fears no animal as she walks, watching the railway line in the dark by starlight. Today all the mundane blood-conditioned fears of the wild quadruped are gone because she has killed the biggest beast.

**Section B**

2. How far was the trial conducted by the medical experts successful in solving the problem of the disturbances caused by Mookken's long nose ? 10

*Or*

“World Renowned Nose” is a satire on modern Indian society. Comment.

3. Write a short note : 5

Clothes as a metaphor in “Ode to his Clothes”.

*Or*

Violence in Neruda's poetry.

4. Write a short note : 10

Discuss Tehmul as the central character in the novel “Such a Long Journey”.

*Or*

“Such a Long Journey” is a document of Parsi way of life. Discuss.

**Section C**

5. In "Such a Long Journey", Major Billimoria and Gustad each harmed the other despite their sincere friendship. Discuss. 15

*Or*

Discuss Billimoria as the cause of Gustad's problems.

6. Critically comment on the final speech of Leela Benare in the play "Silence ! The Court is in Session". 15

*Or*

Discuss Tendulkar's play as a critique of contemporary Indian society.