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Concurrent Course for B.A. (Hons.) Prog. B

(In lieu of Language Credit Course)

THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

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Attempt all questions.

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नोट :- प्रश्न-पत्र पर अंकित पूर्णांक 'स्कूल ऑफ ओपन लर्निंग' के बी. ए. (ऑनर्स) में प्रवेश-प्राप्त छात्रों के लिए मान्य हैं। नियमित विद्यार्थियों के लिए इन अंकों का समानुपातिक पुनर्निर्धारण परीक्षाफल तैयार करते समय किया जाएगा।

1. Critically comment on the following :

- (i) "My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old lie:"

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OR

“How do you explain to someone who has spent a life time cocooned in privilege that a potentially terminal rent has appeared in the wrappings ?”

(5)

- (ii) “Bosom Friend”, the title of Hira Bansode’s poem.

OR

“Joothan”, the title of the chapter from Omprakash Valmiki’s autobiography. (5)

- (iii) “Maybe it just sags
Like a heavy load.
Or does it explode ?

OR

“Into a daybreak that’s wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,”

(5)

- (iv) “Breaking Out,” the title of Marge Pierce’s poem.

OR

“Imaginatively she is of the highest importance; practically she is completely insignificant. She pervades poetry from cover to cover; she is all but absent from history.” (5)

2. The story "Deliverance" exposes the brutality of caste practices effectively through satire. Discuss with special reference to the title of the story. (10)

OR

"The Sudras are the life and sinews of the country, and it is to them alone and not to the Brahmins that the Government must ever look to tide them over their difficulties..." Comment.

3. What significance does the exercise book have in Uma's life? What is the larger argument that Tagore is making through the story "The Exercise Book"? (10)

OR

The significance of women works of art and literature is contrasted with their insignificance in real life Virginia Woolf's *Shakespeare's Sister*. Discuss.

4. Analyze the ways in which race, class and gender affect the balance of power between the two people in the story "Blackout". Give suitable examples from the text. (10)

OR

Analyse the story "Jump" with special reference to the significance of the title of the story.