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Concurrent Course for Hons. Prog.

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INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE

(In lieu of Language Qualifying Course)

THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

Time: 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 50

(Write your Roli No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.)

Attempt all questions.

1. (A) (a) Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

For many days after that, she did not write in her book. But one day, on an autumn morning, a beggar-woman was singing an Agamani song outside. Uma sat listening silently at the window, resting her face on the bars.

- (i) Name the author and the story.
- (ii) Discuss the significance of the book and the song in Uma's life.10

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(b) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

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When I was eleven, after a beating
I took and smashed the ruler to kindling.
Fingering the splinters I could not believe.
How could this rod prove weaker than me?
It was not that I was never again beaten
But in destroying that stick that had

measured my pain

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The next day I was an adolescent, not a child.

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) Discuss the above lines as the first step towards empowerment. 10
- (B) (a) Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

If anyone spoke it was only a muttered word, and the mounted officers rode as if asleep. The men had carried their emergency water in petrol-cans, against which bayonets made a hollow clink; except for the shuffling of feet, this was the only sound. Thus, with an almost spectral appearance, the lurching brown figures flitted past with slung rifles and heads bent forward under basin helmets.

- (i) Name the author and the chapter. 2
- (ii) How do these lines convey the author's attitude to war?

Or

(b) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

General, your bomber is powerful

It flies faster than a storm and carries more
than an elephant

But it has one defect:

It needs a mechanic.

General, man is very useful He can fly and he can kill But he has one defect: He can think.

- (i) Identify the poet and the poem. 2
- (ii) The poet puts faith in individual resistance, as the only abiding solution to war. Discuss.
- What are Jyotirao Phule's views on mass education as a means towards breaking the stranglehold of Brahmin supremacy?

Or

Discuss how Omprakash Valmiki challenges established norms of linguistic decency in *Joothan*. 13

. Maya Angelon's Still I Rise is a poem about surmounting obstacles of gender and race. Discuss.

Or

Comment on the cultural conditioning through which young American woman's responses are filtered in Roger Mais' Blackout.