

2023

ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper : DSE-B-1

(Partition Literature)

Full Marks : 65

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
    - (a) Critically examine the character of Tridib in *The Shadow Lines*.
    - (b) Comment on the title of *The Shadow Lines* by Amitav Ghosh.
  2. Answer **any two** of the following questions : 15×2
    - (a) Examine Manto's 'Toba Tek Singh' as a partition narrative.
    - (b) How does '*The Final Solution*' portray the depraved social situation following the partition?
    - (c) Protiva Basu's 'The Marooned' depicts how women's bodies became the sites of sexual violence during the Partition. Do you agree? Discuss.
  3. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
    - (a) Critically analyze the imagery of Sankha Ghosh's poem, 'Rehabilitation'.
    - (b) How does Birendra Chattopadhyay describe the twenty years since the death of Rabindranath Tagore?
  4. Answer the following questions : 1×5
    - (a) Who is Queen Victoria in *The Shadow Lines*?
    - (b) What happened to 'the young Hindu lawyer from Lahore' in 'Toba Tek Singh'?
    - (c) Who is the most dependable tenant of Bindubasini?
    - (d) What was the name of Pramatha's organization that worked among the refugees?
    - (e) Who is the poet of 'Twenty-sixth January'?
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