



PG (CBCS)
M.A Semester- IV Examination, 2023
ENGLISH
PAPER: ENG 404A
(DIASPORIC LITERATURE)

Full Marks: 40**Time: 2 Hours**

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.
 Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

GROUP-A

- A. Answer any **FOUR** questions: 4×2=8
1. Who is Taylor Hayes?
 2. Who is Rabi in *The Shadow Lines*?
 3. Who is Shiva in *Midnight's Children*?
 4. What was the prophecy about Saleem in the novel *Midnight's Children*?
 5. Who is Ashima?
 6. What does Stuart Hall mean by 're-telling of the past'?

GROUP-B

- B. Answer any **FOUR** questions: 4×4=16
1. How does Bharati Mukherjee critique American culture?
 2. How does the narrator describe his grandmother in *The Shadow Lines*?
 3. Comment on the role of Tridib in the world of the narrator.
 4. Comment on the 'sundarban' episode in *Midnight's Children*.
 5. Bring out the significance of the name 'Gogol'.
 6. Comment on the metaphor of the broken mirror in Salman Rushdie's *Imaginary Homeland*.

GROUP-C

- C. Answer any **TWO** questions: 2×8=16
1. Write a note on the theme of 'identity crisis' in Bharati Mukherjee's *Jasmine*.
 2. Consider *The Shadow Lines* as a memory novel.
 3. Consider *Midnight's Children* as a magic-realistic novel.
 4. Discuss Stuart Hall's concept of 'cultural identity' as reflected in *Cultural Identity and Diaspora*.
