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ENGLISH — MINOR

Paper : MN-4

(Introduction to Indian Writing in English)

Full Marks : 75

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Section - A

1. Answer the following question (within 600 words) :

- (a) How does Meenakshi Mukherjee describe the influence of British rule in early Indian English novels? 15

Or

- (b) Write a note on any two novelists mentioned in Meenakshi Mukherjee's essay. 15

Section - B

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions (each within 600 words) : 15×3

- (a) How does Khushwant Singh portray two contrasting worlds of Santosh Sen and Kalyani in 'A Bride for the Sahib'?
- (b) 'Another Community' by R. K. Narayan is a critique of communal violence. — Comment.
- (c) How does Toru Dutt highlight the interrelation between nature and nostalgia in 'Our Casuarina Tree'?
- (d) Justify the significance of the title of Nissim Ezekiel's poem 'Enterprise'.
- (e) How does Michael Madhusudan Dutt establish the fact that true beauty must come from within? Explain with reference to his poem 'To a Lady'.

3. Answer **any three** of the following questions (each within 200 words) : 5×3

- (a) Write a short note on Santosh Sen's mother.
- (b) What happened on 29th October, 1947 in R. K. Narayan's 'Another Community'?
- (c) Comment on the images used by Toru Dutt in 'Our Casuarina Tree'.
- (d) What was the mood of the participants during the beginning of the pilgrimage in Nissim Ezekiel's 'Enterprise'?