

3 (Sem-6/CBCS) ENG HE 4

2022

ENGLISH

Paper : ENG-HE-6046

(Travel Writing)

(Honours Elective)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer any ten of the following : $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) To which country does Al-Biruni belong?
- (b) What did Buddha order to do with the dead?
- (c) Name the festival of the people of Kashmir that takes place on the second day of the month of Chaitra.
- (d) Name a festival prevalent in Multan.
- (e) How many years have been covered in *From Volga to Ganga*?
- (f) Who is Sadr-ud-Din?
- (g) What was the favourite menu of Indira Gandhi for Breakfast?
- (h) Who is Nisha?
- (i) What is the main concern of Elisabeth Bumiller's story?

- (j) Who is Subhadra Butalia?
- (k) What is the sub-title of the book, *The Innocents Abroad*?
- (l) What does the motor cycle symbolize in *The Motorcycle Diaries*?
- (m) When was *The Motorcycle Diaries* written?
- (n) In which year was *From Heaven Lake* published?
- (o) Which is the central message of *The Motorcycle Diaries*?

2. Answer any five of the following : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What was the mode of suicide in ancient India as described by Al-Biruni?
- (b) How is first Kartika celebrated?
- (c) Name two places mentioned in Vikram Seth's *From Heaven Lake* through which the author travels.
- (d) Who is Mahmuda?
- (e) Which war is referred to in Mahmuda's story?
- (f) Name three historical gardens in and around Delhi as mentioned in *City Improbable*.
- (g) What is the first story of *Volga to Ganga* (Nisha) about?
- (h) Name the two assassins of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

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3. Answer any *four* of the following : $5 \times 4 = 20$

(a) What were the various methods of fasting among the Hindus as mentioned by Al-Biruni?

(b) What are the beliefs on determination of the fast days?

(c) Which is the most loathsome aspect of Delhi as described in Khushwant Singh's *City Improbable*?

(d) What are the changes in the city of Delhi through the ages as mentioned in *City of Djinn*s (Chapter I)?

(e) What is the main theme of the two stories—'Nisha' and 'Diva' (From *Volga to Ganga*)?

(f) Write a note on 'bride-burning' and 'dowry death' in the light of Bumiller's story.

(g) Write shortly on the marriage system of the Moors in Tangier in the light of *The Innocents Abroad*.

(h) Describe briefly the burial customs of the Hindus as expressed in Al-Biruni's *India*.

4. Answer any *four* of the following : $10 \times 4 = 40$

(a) Write a note on Vikram Seth's journey as mentioned in *From Heaven Lake*.

(b) Sketch the character of Mahmuda in the light of the story, *Love, War and Widows*.

- (c) Enumerate the unique things that make Delhi most lovable capital of the world (*City Improbable*).
- (d) Write a note on the early history of Indo-European people in the light of the stories—'Nisha' and 'Diva'.
- (e) "*City of Djinns* is an entertaining mix of history and diary informed by a deep curiosity about the ways in which the ghosts of even most distant past still walk Delhi in the twentieth century." Discuss.
- (f) Describe vividly the assassination scene of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the light of Chapter II (*City of Djinns*).
- (g) "In India, a wedding is a chaotic pageant that can last until six in the morning and more and has become a public validation of a family's status and wealth." Describe the condition of the arranged marriage prevalent in India in the light of the statement.
- (h) Write a note on the emerging women issues related to Sati and dowry in the light of Bumiller's story.
- (i) Describe the social customs and beliefs of the people of Tangier as revealed in *The Innocents Abroad*.
- (j) Briefly describe the author's journey from Urumbi to Heaven Lake.

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