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## FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023

(CBCSS)

## English

## ENG 4E 14—INDIAN ENGLISH FICTION

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours Maximum: 30 Weightage

- I. Write short essays on any *five* of the following in 200 words:
  - 1 Significance of Raja Rao's "Foreword" to Kanthapura.
  - 2 Cho Oyu house in *The Inheritance of Loss*.
  - 3 Significance of Gogol's name in *The Namesake*.
  - 4 Role of corruption in *The White Tiger*.
  - 5 Theme of displacement in A Fine Balance.
  - 6 Significance of the title *The Blind Lady's Descendants*.
  - 7 Juggut Singh in Train to Pakistan.

 $(5 \times 2 = 10 \text{ weightage})$ 

- II. Write essays on any four of the following in 450 words:
  - 8 Examine the significance of Munoo's journey in *Coolie* and how it reflects the broader social and historical trends of the times.
  - 9 Comment on the significance of the title *The Inheritance of Loss*.
  - 10 Examine the gender power relations as demonstrated by Divakaruni's interpretation of the *Mahabharata* in *The Palace of Illusions*.
  - 11 *Temporary People* highlights the alarming ways in which 'progress' on a global scale is bound up with dehumanization—Discuss.
  - 12 Critically examine how Adiga's *The White Tiger* critiques the class system and the injustices that result from it, specifically in terms of Balram's experiences.
  - 13 How does Jhumpa Lahiri explore the themes of isolation, identity, and belonging in *The Namesake*?

 $(4 \times 5 = 20 \text{ weightage})$