

Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya

Department of English

Semester_II (General English DSC-2)

Assignment for Session: Jan-June, 2022 (Modified syllabus for Covid-19)

PAPER: ENHGEC02T/ ENGGCOR02T- (GE: POEMS & SHORT STORIES)

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1. Answer any four questions from the following: (out of five in End Sem.) 3x15=45
- a) Write a critical appreciation to the poem “*Poem*” by N.T. Rajkumar
 - b) How does the poem “*Poem*” become a weapon in the fight against oppression to the downtrodden?
 - c) Write a critical appreciation to the poem *Mother Tongue*.
 - d) Discuss in brief the love for mother tongue as presented in the poem *Mother Tongue*.
 - e) Write a brief note on the theme of *Kanthapura*.
 - f) Critically analyse K. Ayyappa Paniker’s poem “Passage to America”
 - g) Write the theme of *Karukku* by Bana.
 - h) Write a brief note on Gandhism as presented in *Kanthapura*.
 - i) Write a critical appreciation to F.M. Shinde’s poem *Habit*.
 - j) How does the poem *Habit* display the theme of oppression and exploitation.
 - k) Write a note on the title of the poem *Habit*.
2. Answer any two of the following: (out of three in End Sem.) 1x5=5
- a) **Explain:**
Once you’re used to it
Even the sorrow
That visits you
Sometimes, in dreams,
Melts away, embarrassed.
Habit isn’t used to breaking out
in feelings.
- b) **Explain:**
I will be born
Again and again
As a devil,
A ghost, as Kali, and Isaki.
- c) What does Bama say about the people of her village?

d) Explain:

Once you're used to it
You never afterwards
Feel anything;
Your blood nevermore
Congeals
Nor flows
For wet mud has been slapped
Over all your bones.

e) Explain:

No, I don't work for a Shah
I said, but for a Shahni, very kind,
Very well off
And I am not the only one
Working for her
She has many servants
Ever ready to do her bidding

f) Explain:

Give me, a quill, quickly
She must be looking for me
The reed cut off its hand
Gave it to me and said
Take it
I too am her servant.

g) Explain:

where has vanished your heartline
has some test explosion
sucked it underground
I remember river phalgun
that goes dry in summer defying our prayers
where once the buddha got enlightenment

Internal Assessment

Answer any two of the following questions:

2x10=20

- How does Ramanujan present the analogy of a flowering tree in reference to a woman?
- How does Chandrabati's Ramayana differ from that of Valmiki, as stated by Nabaneeta Deb Sen?
- What ideas of feminism do you get in A.K. Ramanujan's *A Flowering Tree: A Woman's Tale*?