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MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

IN ENGLISH (MEG)

Term-End Examination

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MEG-008 : NEW LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any *five* questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer each question in approximately **600** words.

1. Which term is more appropriate—commonwealth literature, postcolonial literature or new literatures in English ?
Give reasons for your answer. 20

2. Comment on the role of women in the freedom struggle as portrayed in Ngugi's novel *A Grain of Wheat*. 20
3. Who or what is a nativist ? Do you think that Soyinka is a nativist ? Base your answer on your reading of *A Dance of the Forests*. 20
4. Discuss the manner in which Bapsi Sidhwa presents the partition in her novel *Ice-candy Man*. 20
5. The house is a trope for different states of mind in *A House for Mr. Biswas*. Do you agree ? Give a reasoned answer. 20
6. What is the significance of the mandala motif in *The Solid Mandala* ? Give a detailed answer. 20

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7. Discuss the use of magical realism in Brathwaite's poem 'Ananse'. 20
8. Does the title *The Stone Angel* express the themes of the novel ? Discuss in detail. 20

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