

2025
SRMUJ
4th Semester Examination
M.A.
English
ENG-402A

Literature of the Indian subcontinent: Fiction and Non-fiction in English

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions

5×2

- a) Briefly comment on the early development of Indian English fiction.
- b) Why does Raju agree to fast at the end of *The Guide*?
- c) What is the importance of the 'dacoity' scene in *Rajmohan's Wife*?
- d) Comment on the role of Putta in *Samskara*.

2. Answer any *three* of the following questions

10×3

- a) Assess the contributions of the great trio to the development of Indian English fiction.
- b) How does *Rajmohan's Wife* represent the tension between tradition and modernity in 19th century Bengal? Discuss.
- c) Critically comment on Raja Rao's blending of myth and history in *Kanthapura*.
- d) Discuss R.K. Narayan's *The Guide* as a bildungsroman.
- e) Analyze the role of Chandri in *Samskara*.