

**B.A. 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER (PROGRAMME) EXAMINATION, 2021**

**ENGLISH**

**Course ID: 20318**

**Course Code: AP/ENG/201/C-1B**

**(Nation, Culture and India)**

**Time: 2 Hours**

**Full Marks: 40**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Answer all the questions.*

**Unit-I**

1. (a) What does Amartya Sen mean by 'Favouritism Critique' in his essay "Secularism and Its Discontents"? Discuss. 10

**Or,**

- (b) How does Amartya Sen define secularism and what does he say about its incompleteness?

2. (a) 'Our real problem in India is not political. It is social.' According to Tagore what kind of social problems prevail in India? 10

**Or,**

- (b) Why does Tagore say that 'India has never had a real sense of nationalism'?

3. (a) What does Sri Aurobindo say about the first phase of the Renaissance in India? 10

**Or,**

- (b) What is the meaning of 'retrogression'? What are 'the three movements of retrogression' as discussed in "The Renaissance in India"?

## Unit-II

### 4. Answer *any five* of the following questions:

5x2=10

- (a) What, according to Sri Aurobindo, saved India always at every critical moment of her destiny?
- (b) Identify the first stage of India's greatness according to Sri Aurobindo.
- (c) What is 'spirituality' as mentioned by Sri Aurobindo?
- (d) 'The three elements are always present.' – What are the three elements?
- (e) What, according to Sri Aurobindo, is the 'ancient spirit' of India?
- (f) What is 'nation', according to Tagore?
- (g) What, according to Tagore, has been the problem of India since the beginning of history?
- (h) 'There is only one history' – Whose history is Tagore talking about and why?
- (i) Mention any one difference that Tagore finds between Indian and European civilization.
- (j) In which context does Tagore refer to the myth of Indra?

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