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ENGLISH — **HONOURS**

Paper: CC-3

(Indian Writing in English)

Full Marks: 65

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 the following in complete sentences:

 1×5

- (a) 'A beauteous halo circled round thy brow' What does the poet imply by the phrase "beauteous halo"?
- (b) What does Toru Dutt compare the Python to and why?
- (c) What was the last wish of the narrator's ageing mother in 'Dawn at Puri'?
- (d) What was the name of Matangini's sister in Rajmohan's Wife?
- (e) Who is Daksha in Dattani's Bravely Fought the Queen?
- 2. Answer *any two* of the following questions (within 600 words):

15×2

- (a) How does Toru Dutt blend the Indian and the European elements in her poem *Our Casuarina Tree*?
- (b) Kamala Das is credited to have created a climate for a more honest, revelatory, confessional poetry by Indian women. Analyse 'An Introduction' in light of the above observation.
- (c) Consider Ramanujan's 'A River' as a poem about truth, the reality of the river and the kinds of relations between the present and the past.
- (d) "Home is where we have to gather grace." Examine the multi-layered texture of Nissim Ezekiel's 'Enterprise' with reference to this line.
- 3. Answer any one of the following questions (within 600 words):

15×1

- (a) Bankimchandra transformed Matangini in *Rajmohan's Wife* from a wife who suffers to a woman who saves. Do you agree? Comment with relevant textual references.
- (b) Discuss the depiction of social problems in Rajmohan's Wife.
- **4.** Answer *any one* of following questions (within 600 words):

15×1

- (a) Comment on the significance of the title of Mahesh Dattani's play Bravely Fought the Queen.
- (b) How does Mahesh Dattani critique patriarchy through use of symbols in his play *Bravely Fought* the Queen?