

**BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2022**

**(3<sup>rd</sup>Year, 6<sup>th</sup> Semester)**

**COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

**Course: CBCS/ CL/UG/DSE/6.4A**

**(Journey Through Indian and Western Thought)**

Full Marks: 30

Time: Two Hours

All questions carry equal marks

Answer *all* questions either in Bangla or in English but all *three* in the same language

1a. How did the *Gita* devise the idea of *nishkama karma* as a Brahmanical tool to counter the Buddhist notion of ahimsa?

Or

1b. Discuss the differences between Gandhi and Rabindranath over nationalism with reference to texts studied in class.

2a. Can Utopia be read as a materialist critique of Plato's Republic as well as of the Europe of More's own times? Give reasons for your answer with a close analysis of the text.

Or

2b. Critically comment on how Kant criticises rational psychology and Descartes' understanding of the 'cogito' in his Critique of Pure Reason.

3a. What was radical about Buddhism as a heterodox tradition? How did it become popular as a critique of Brahmanical orthodoxy?

Or

3b. Examine the differences between Aristotle and Epicurus concerning morality.