

Ex/CL/PG/4.4/2019

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2019

(2nd Year, 4th Semester)

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Course - CL/PG/4.4

(Event)

Full Marks : 30

Time : Two Hours

All questions carry equal marks.

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

1. (a) Do you agree that the way one deals with historical injustice and the ethics of history is strongly dependent on the way one conceives of historical time? Comment critically in the light of your understanding of the Asokan Edicts and Akbar's "Infallibility Decree".

Or,

- (b) Guided by his idea of ethical duty as the source of the self's sovereignty, Topi Shukla understood how life's quotidian reality could be revolutionized to extraordinary effect. Comment critically in the light of your understanding of the limitations of nationalism and the possibilities of lived reality.

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2. (a) Did the trial of Socrates show that Athenian democracy was intolerant about dissenting opinion ? Discuss with reference to the Athenian institutions and the context of the trial.

Or;

- (b) Situate the *Declaration of the rights of Man and Citizen* in its historical context to answer whether it was bourgeois, or universal, or both.

3. (a) For both Muhammad Iqbal and Syed Ahmad Khan, the idea of nationhood constituted new pathways of ideological thought and the formation of identity. Discuss with suitable examples.

Or;

- (b) Examine the relationship between democracy and toleration in the English Revolution with special reference to William Walwyn's writings studied in class.
