

Ex/CL/PG/3.1/2017

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2017

(2nd Year, 3rd Semester)

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Course - CL/PG/3.1

(Literary Transactions - I)

Full Marks : 30

Time : Two Hours

All questions carry equal marks.

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

1. (a) Would you agree that Alexander Pope's cosmology and predestination in *Essay on Man* were countered by Voltaire's geography and actual travel experiences in *Candide*? Substantiate your position with suitable textual references.

Or,

- (b) Do you agree that Raja Rammohun Roy's insistence on psychological and sociological realities in *Tuhfat-ul-Muwahhidin* made his rationalist arguments distinct from the traditions of rationalism that he possibly received from other cultures? Give reasons for your position.

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2. (a) Do you think William Jones was an intermediary between classical Indian and modern Western literatures ? Discuss with reference to his writings that you have studied.

Or;

- (b) Compare the Orientalisms of Coleridge and Shelley by examining their poems read in your course.
3. (a) Would you agree that European Romanticism of the late 18th and early 19th centuries was a response to the spirit of rationalism of previous eras ? Substantiate your position with relevant illustrations.

Or;

- (b) Discuss the role of Tagore in the formation of the poetic sensibility of the Chayavaad movement, illustrating your discussion with examples from the poetry of Suryakant Tripathi Nirala.
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