

DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE
JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF ARTS ADMISSION TEST, 2022
(NON-LITERATURE GROUP)
PAPER-1
ANSWER EITHER IN ENGLISH OR IN BANGLA

Time: 2 Hrs

Full marks: 50

Answer question number 1 and any two from the rest

Answer all questions either in English or in Bangla

1. What according to you are the major differences between the study of comparative literature and that of single literature in terms of methodological approach? (20).

2. a) Comment on the proliferation of crime series on television these days. What kind of social and aesthetic trends do you think this reflects? (15)

or

b) Without intervention by the judiciary, democracy in India would be in danger. Elaborate your view on this.

3.a) Do poets make better translators of poetry? Write an essay defending your stand.

Or

b) Do you like prose literature or poetry better? Write a short essay giving at least three reasons for your preference.

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CATEGORY I

(LITERATURE GROUP)

Time: 2 hours

Full Marks: 50

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

1 a) Do you think 'inspiration', 'influence' and 'reception' can serve as effective points of entry for critically studying world literature in terms of literary transactions? 15

Or

b) Do you think 'nationalism' can be used to comparatively study literatures of different countries in South Asia? Discuss, citing specific examples and analyzing texts from at least three different countries from this region. 15

2 a) Do you think graphic narratives can be studied as 'texts' in the classroom? Discuss, analyzing specific texts of your choice. 15

Or

b) Discuss the relevance of the Comparative Literature model in a globalized world. 15

3. Comment on any two of the following with adequate textual references: 10 x 2 = 20

a) The importance of studying the European response to Indian literature and culture

b) The promises and perils of studying Indian literatures in translation

c) Comparative Literature as a meeting point of the oral and the written

d) Indian Literature is one though it is written in many different languages

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Category II (Non Literature Group)

Paper II

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

Answer questions in either Bangla or English. All answers must be in the same language.

1. Write an essay on any *one* of the following: 20
 - a. History as a battlefield of the present.
 - b. The internet, the smartphone, and the new literature.
 - c. Gender discrimination in science and technology education and research.
 - d. Climate change and green capitalism
2. (a) Novels and their Serial adaptations – discuss one case. 15

Or

(b) Is Social Media ruining literature? – Discuss with reason and evidence. 15
3. (a) Can revolutions and counter-revolutions be adequately treated in novels? Discuss with reference to any one historical event. 15

Or

(b) Discuss the problems involved in translating from marginalized languages 15