

DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY

M.A. ADMISSION TEST 2019

CATEGORY I

(Literature Group)

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Comparative Literature
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Time: 2 hours.

Full Marks: 50

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

1a) Discuss the relationship between World Literature and Comparative Literature. Does the former expand the scope of the latter?

15

OR

1b) In what ways are tragedy and comedy generally born out of the interrelationship between man and society? Answer with reference to one of each kind written in two different languages.

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2a) In what ways has colonization left its marks on the literature of different countries at different times? Discuss with reference to at least three texts written in different countries.

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OR

2b) Do you think that the discipline of Comparative Literature requires a specific methodology to deal with the texts under its purview? Discuss with reference to specific texts.

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3. Comment on any two of the following with adequate textual references:

10 x 2 = 20

- a) Orality and Literature demand diverse kinds of approach.
- b) Globalisation has increased the death of languages.
- c) Awards and acclaims facilitate the survival of Literature
- d) The text and its performance.

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Category II (Non-Literature Group)

Paper I

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks:50

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

Marks are as indicated in the margin.

1. Write an essay on *any one* of the following: 20
 - a. No civilized country can justify the death-penalty
 - b. E-book or paper book?
 - c. Censoring the media: is it against the basic principles of a democracy?

2. Answer any *one*: 15
 - a. Write a short review of the most recent book that you have read.
 - b. What kind of music are you fond of? Explain why you like it.

3. Answer any *one*: 15
 - a. Explain why you are opting to read literature in the 'comparative mode'.
 - b. Would you agree that the study of literature is incomplete without interdisciplinarity? Give reasons for your answer.

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Paper II

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Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 50

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

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1. Discuss *any one* of the following, giving reasons for your position on the matter. 20
 - a. Poetry in the age of Instagram
 - b. The uselessness of literary studies
 - c. The relationship between art and society
2. Write short notes on *any three* of the following 3 x 5 = 15
Durgeshnandini, The Tempest, War and Peace, Waiting for Godot, Putul Nacher Itikatha, Hayavadana, Godaan, Death of a Salesman, One Hundred Years of Solitude, The Caucasian Chalk Circle
3. Read the poems given below and write a brief commentary on *any one* of them. 15

Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests; snug as a gun.

Under my window, a clean rasping sound
When the spade sinks into gravelly ground:
My father, digging. I look down

Till his straining rump among the flowerbeds
Bends low, comes up twenty years away
Stooping in rhythm through potato drills
Where he was digging.

The coarse boot nestled on the lug, the shaft
Against the inside knee was levered firmly.
He rooted out tall tops, buried the bright edge deep
To scatter new potatoes that we picked,
Loving their cool hardness in our hands.

By God, the old man could handle a spade.
Just like his old man.

My grandfather cut more turf in a day
Than any other man on Toner's bog.