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Department of English Language & Literature

Semester End Examination

Autumn-2021

Course Code: ELL-3628

Course Title: South Asian Literature in English

Full Marks: 50

Time: 2:30 Hours

Answer Question No 1 and three others from the rest:

(Figures on the right-hand side margin indicate the value of each question.)

1. Locate and explain the following (any four): 4x5=20
 - a. I became what I am today at the age of twelve, on a frigid overcast day in the winter of 1975.
 - b. Do not be frightened by my beard: I am a lover of America.
 - c. Soon after the attacks, America bombed Afghanistan, ... and the Taliban scurried like rats into the caves.
 - d. "Velan, it's raining in the hills. I can feel it coming up under my feet, up my legs".
 - e. "In the West, they have an expression for that," I said. They call it ethnic cleansing.
 - f. India as a country, a nation-state, was a British idea. So, the idea of English is as good or as bad as the idea of India itself.

 2. Trace Raju's transformation from a tourist guide into a spiritual guru in the novel *The Guide*. 10
 3. Is Khaled Hosseini a native orientalist? – Estimate from your reading of *The Kite Runner*. 10
 4. Assess Amir's character from his movement from the East to the West. 10
 5. Write a note on the complex, shifting politics of language from your study of Arundhati Roy's essay "What is the Morally Appropriate Language in which to Think and Write". 10
 6. Evaluate how Mohsin Hamid questions US Imperialism and Islamophobia in his novel *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*. 10
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