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Full Marks: 50

Time: 2 hrs

Answer any two questions, in Bangla or in English

- 1) Multilingual contexts also become zones of hybridity such that any study of their literatures has to be comparative in approach. Discuss with illustrations.
- 2) How does literature tap the pulse of a culture, and represent its texture, in ways that historiography cannot?
- 3) The novel has taken on a life of its own and challenged the European conventions of the genre in every culture of the South in which it has flourished – yet it has not yet been displaced by another genre because it continues to be a relevant form. Would you agree? Answer in relation to any literature/s of the South.
- 4) Write a note on the relationship between form and content, and comment on whether this has any bearings on the aesthetic quality of the text.
- 5) Compare the different modes of representation of any one story and one play to foreground how each of these may serve different functions in enhancing one's understanding of life.
- 6) Does cinematic language open up new opportunities for the literary text – or does it limit them?