

2025

ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : DSE-B-3

(Autobiography)

Full Marks : 65

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer the following questions : 1×5
    - (a) What was the name of the old cashier in the Tagore household who recited a ballad to the young Rabindranath?
    - (b) According to Gandhi, who had the habit of living on one meal during chaturmas?
    - (c) At what age did Binodini Dasi start acting?
    - (d) What did Nirad C. Chaudhuri refer to as 'Our Nile'?
    - (e) Which play upset the sahebs in Binodini Dasi's autobiography?
  2. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
    - (a) Why does Rabindranath Tagore state that luxury was unknown to him in the days of his infancy? Illustrate with a few examples.
    - (b) What does Tagore say about Servocracy in 'My Reminiscences'?
  3. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
    - (a) Show how Binodini challenges the perception of actresses as 'despised prostitute'.
    - (b) Discuss Binodini Dasi's experiences during the tour in the west.
  4. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
    - (a) Discuss how Gandhi describes his role as a husband in his autobiography.
    - (b) Which friendship does Gandhi consider 'a tragedy' in his life? How did the relationship help form his spirit as a reformer?
  5. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
    - (a) Describe, after Nirad C. Chaudhuri, his birthplace, Kishoregunj.
    - (b) Describe, Nirad C. Chaudhuri's experiences in Shillong.
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