

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.