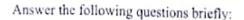
SSH215 Nation and her Narratives Mid-semester examination

Marks: 20

Date: 2 March 2024

Time: 3 - 4 p.m



- 1/ I made preparations to leave the town in a couple of days, leaving the engine to its fate, with all its commitments. However, Nature came to my rescue in an unexpected manner. (2+2)
- Mho is the speaker? Why were the "preparations to leave the town in a couple of days" being
- b. How did "nature" come to rescue the speaker? Why was it "unexpected"?
- 2. No sooner had Dhurjati Babu made the above comment than he put his fork down, picked up the fly-flap from the table and with one deft slap killed a mosquito that had settled on it. (1.5+2.5)
- .What was the context of the comment that Durjati Babu made?
- Where did the narrator first meet Durjati Babu? Which places did they visit together subsequently?
- 3/1 tried to laugh her fear gently away, but then she would turn round on me seriously, and ask me solemn questions. (2+2)
- What, according to you, are the reasons for such "solemn questions"?
- 4. Where is the gold bangle my father gave you, woman." "You need not worry. Najab will return with cloves." (2+2)
- Comment on the context here.
- What did Najab return with? How was that understood to be valuable auspicious?
- Were you calling me, Dada?" "I was thinking," said the postmaster, "of teaching you to read." And then for the rest of the afternoon he taught her the alphabet. (1.5+2.5)
- Why did the postmaster decide to teach Ratan? How far did she learn before the postmaster fell sick?
- What do you know about the postmaster based on the information shared by the author, Rabindranath Tagore? Comment on the postmaster's association with Ratan.