

**Critical Viewing and Reading: Literature and Cinema of the Partition**  
**Mid-Semester Exam: Spring 2024**

**Max Marks:** 20

**Time:** 90 minutes

Please answer all questions in Section A in about 200 words each. Please answer questions in Section B in about 150 words each. Please take time to plan your answers. Do **not** use bullet points. Write in complete sentences and paragraphs.

**Section A**

**Q1:** Discuss two ways of British social engineering in the aftermath of the 1857 Sepoy Mutiny. What were the British trying to achieve with each measure? (2+2)

**Q2:** Mhd. Ali Jinnah was given a peek into a possible future when Nehru took over as the Congress president in July of 1946. What did Nehru do to make Jinnah nervous? How did this lead to the Great Calcutta Killings? What factors made the killings so very murderous? (1+1+2)

**Section B**

**Q1:** When was the INC first established? What was its initial character and support base? (2)

**Q2:** Elaborate on the two visions of the political constitution of a free India being discussed in the 2nd half of the 19th century. What were their fundamental differences? (2)

**Q3:** Gandhi emerged as a galvanising figure of particular strength for the freedom struggle in the 1920s. Discuss how he was the right man for the Indian freedom struggle at the time. How did he change the demand for freedom? (2)

**Q4:** What potential problems existed for supra-local religious identity formation in late 19th century India? (2)

**Q5:** Discuss the economic ramifications of London granting fiscal autonomy to the British government of India in 1922. How did the depression of the 1920s and 30s affect Indians? (2)

**Q6:** What did the provincial elections of 1935 reveal to the AIML and the INC about the Muslim vote bank? By what means did Jinnah respond to the election results? (2)