## B.A. (HONOURS) ENGLISH QUESTION BANK: PARTITION LITERATURE

| Paper No.           | DSE 10               |
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| Paper Title         | PARTITION LITERATURE |
| Marks               | 75% + 25%            |
| Contact Hours (L+T) | 5+2 Per Week         |
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## **QUESTION BANK**

- 1. With reference to any two short stories in your syllabus write a long essay on how they emphasise the trauma caused by widespread violence and mass migration during partition of India.
- 2. Elaborate upon the role of memory in partition literature
- 3. Discuss how partition literature is about the darker side of independence.
- 4. Women as silent sufferers. Discuss it with reference to short stories in the syllabus.
- 5. Explain the significance of the game of houses played by Illa and Tridib in 'the shadow lines
- 6. Comment on the significance of memory in "Shadow Lines"
- 7. Critically examine Intizar Hussain's depiction of pre and post partition life in 'Basti'
- 8. Critically comment on the narrative style of 'Basti'
- 9. *Basti* is a narrative journeying through multiple space and times documenting the partitions of memory. Discuss
- 10. Examine the title of the novel, "Shadow Lines"
- 11. Compare and contrast Toba Tek Singh by Gulzar and the shirt story by Manto.
- 12. How are maps and borders used as symbols in the shadow lines
- 13. Write critically on the concept of home in Dibyendu Palit's 'Alam's Own House'.
- 14. How are the themes of rape, honour and motherhood intertwined in Lalithambika's 'Leaf in the Storm' and Manik Bandopadhyay's 'The Final Solution'?
- 15. What is the significance of 'Going Away' and 'Coming Home' in "Shadow Lines"
- 16. Compare the attitudes of Robi and Illa towards their own positioning in the social/immigrant/native space in "Shadow Lines"
- 17. Comment on the pre and post partition times as depicted in the novel 'Basti'.
- 18. How is 'Basti' a South Asian, Pakistani Writer's response to the issue of Partition?