



**Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune**

**HOME ASSIGNMENTS**

**B. A. English**

**SECOND YEAR - Semester III and IV**

**2017-18**

**No. of Copies : 400**

**Read the following instructions carefully before writing Home Assignments and follow them.**

- ◆ Home Assignments are an integral and compulsory part of the programme.
- ◆ Home Assignments help you even in preparation for annual examination.
- ◆ There is separate passing for internal assessment.
- ◆ For essay type question you are supposed to write an answer of 40 to 50 lines and short answer of 20-25 lines.
- ◆ Answers with proper introduction and conclusion are treated as ideal.
- ◆ Your answer should cover all points and sub-points of the related topic.
- ◆ Attach the supplements with proper sequence.
- ◆ Your Assignments should reach us before the scheduled time.
- ◆ As per the norms of U. G. C. the question of Field Work is included in the assignment, extra reading and observation of current situation is needed for the attempt.
- ◆ Please note that the assignments for Semester III and Semester IV are combined in the booklet.

**Dates of Home Assignment Submission**

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Without Late Fee</b>	<b>With Late Fee</b>
Three	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2017	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct. 2017
Four	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2018	15 <sup>th</sup> March. 2018

# English Literature - Part - 1

## Semester 3

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**Prescribed Text :** The Refugee and Other Stories  
The Magic Drum

### Home Assignment- I

**Q.1. Explain the following sentences giving reference to their context in about 10-12 lines. (Any 2) (05 Marks)**

1. "That makes my task so much easier... you see, I work in the king's court."
2. The central idea of "A Fair Deal"
3. 'my old eyes saw things- horrible things- both there and here, that told us that we could never again go to 'Pindi'.
4. 'Your Bombay may be a great and grand city, son. But we can never forget our Rawalpindi - those pears and apricots and apples, those grapes and melons and baggoogoshas that you never get in Bombay....'

**Q.2. Answer Any Two questions in brief : (05 Marks)**

1. What kind of man Veeravara was?
2. In which way K. A. Abbas is describing the story?
3. Describe the character of king Vidyadhar- The Seeds of Truth.
4. What was the tragic storm for all?

**Q.3. Write Any Two Short notes of the following : (10 Marks)**

1. Compare, write three sentences each about Shiryala, Gunkara.
  2. The Central idea of 'The Magic in the Air'.
  3. Effect of the news of partition.
  4. Character sketch of 'Maanji'
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### Home Assignment- II

**Q.1. Write Ant Two Short Notes of the following : (10 Marks)**

1. Miserliness described in the stories by Sudha Murty.
2. The theme of "The Refugee"

3. Sudha Murty as an excellent story teller.
4. Horrible and dreadful situation at the time of partition.

**Q.2. Answer Any Two of the following :**

**(10 Marks)**

1. What questions were asked to Suryaprabha?
  2. Discuss the central idea of 'Dead Man's Painting'.
  3. Explain 'The Prize Poem by P. G. Wodehouse' in detail.
  4. Elucidate the theme of the story 'My Brother, My Brother' by Norah Bruke.
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**Home Assignment- III**

**Q.1: Write Ant Two Short Notes of the following :**

**(10 Marks)**

1. Explain 'The Cunning Fruit' in your own words.
2. Elements of suspense in Will F. Jenkins's 'Uneasy Homecoming'.
3. What does the author want to convey through 'The White Crow'?
4. The significance of 'The Doll's House'.

**Q.2. Answer Any Two of the following :**

**(10 Marks)**

1. How is snobbery portrayed in the short story "The Doll's House" by Katherine Mansfield?
  2. Write the summary of 'Jimmy Valentine'.
  3. Theme of the 'The Horse in the Burrow'
  4. How does Jimmy Valentine change throughout the story?
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**Home Assignment - IV**

**Q.1. Write Ant Two Short Notes of the following :**

**(10 Marks)**

1. Character sketch of Jimmy
2. Theme of the story 'Two Thieves'
3. Character sketch of She Singh
4. Write the summary of 'Emperor of Alakavati'

**Q.2. Answer Any Two of the following :**

**(10 Marks)**

1. Discuss Sarat Chandra Chaterjee's 'Drought' in detail.
2. What exactly do you think causes Paul's death? Are any of the other characters in some way responsible for his death?

3. Explain the story 'The Case of the Missing Necklace' in detail.
4. Describe the lamp in 'The Doll's House'.

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## English Literature - Part - 2

### Semester 4

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**Prescribed Text :** The Wings of Fire by Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam  
All questions are compulsory.

### HOME ASSIGNMENT - I

**Q.1. Answer Any One of the following :** **(20 Marks)**

1. Read any other book written by Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam.

Write a review in around 50-60 lines with the help of following points :

- a) Style of writing
- b) Plot of the story
- c) Protagonist in the story
- d) Morals in the story

**OR**

2. 'The trouble with many students, professor Sponder observed, was not necessarily a lack of educational opportunities or industrial infrastructure- the trouble was in their failure to choose their field of study with sufficient care.' Discuss this statement from chapter 3. Do you think it holds true for many students?

**Q. 2. Write Any Two Short Notes of the following :** **(10 Marks)**

- a) Describe the birth place of Dr. Kalam.
- b) Describe the situation at INCOSPAR in the early sixties.
- c) What according to the author, does one need to be a successful team leader?
- d) 'SLVs' and missiles can be called first cousins. Explain.

## HOME ASSIGNMENT - II

**Q.1. Answer Any One of the following :** (20 Marks)

1. Discuss the significance of Abdul Kalam as a young Muslim boy growing up in a predominantly Hindu town like Rameswaram. What do you think he learnt from this experience?

OR

2. The author's visit to NASA's research centre in USA brought out the stark differences in the working styles of organisations in the USA and India at that time. What were these differences? Discuss this answer. Do these differences still exist? How did the suggestions made by Jay Chandra Babu enable the author to get rid of some of these problems in the RATO project?

**Q. 2. Write Any Two Short Notes of the following :** (10 Marks)

- a) A lesson taught by Iyadurai Solomon to the author.
- b) What was the special about the author's interview at INCOSPAR?
- c) Wernher von Braun's achievement
- d) Describe the qualities that Dr Kalam was looking for in the leaders of the missile projects?

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## HOME ASSIGNMENT - III

**Q.1. Answer Any One of the following :** (10 Marks)

1. The author attributes rapid and proactive follow-up as an important managerial tactic. Discuss your views on how this can make a difference.
2. What, in your opinion, is most remarkable in Abdul Kalam's meteoric rise in the field of science in India? Discuss.
3. What were the setbacks in the successful launch of Agni?

**Q. 2. Write in brief Any Two question of the following :** (10 Marks)

- a) How does author view technology?
- b) Was the launch of Prithvi smooth? What was the response of the west to launch of Prithvi?
- c) What was the mood in India during the Gulf War of 1991? How did the successful testing of the missiles assuage the situation.
- d) Explain briefly how the GMDP became the Integrated GMDP or IGMDP.

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