

- (f) Write a note on the satirical outlook of Mark Twain from a reading of the prescribed Chapter of *The Innocents Abroad*.
- (g) Describe the city of Lima as mentioned in *The Motorcycle Diaries*.
- (h) Write an essay on the title of *City of Djinns* with reference to the prescribed sections.

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ENGLISH

(Honours Elective)

Paper : ENG-HE-6046

(Travel Writing)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer the following questions : 1×10=10

- (a) What was the name of the University in which Seth did his post-graduation?
- (b) What was the title of the book in which Al-Biruni talked about India?
- (c) What does flames of fire signify for the Hindus? (Al-Biruni)
- (d) Name a famous book by Nighat Gandhi.
- (e) Which place was called the city of Djinns?
- (f) When was the *Motorcycle Diaries* published?

- (g) What is the period dealt with in *From Volga to Ganga*?
- (h) What is the actual name of Mark Twain?
- (i) What is the Iranian name of Al-Biruni?
- (j) Name a famous book written by Khushwant Singh.
2. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) According to Al-Biruni, what increases in the Kaliyuga and what does it result in the end?
- (b) Define the concept of Sati very briefly.
- (c) The women of which two countries are dealt with in *Alternative Realities*?
- (d) Name two communities that Seth encountered during his journey as stated in *From Heaven Lake*.
- (e) What is the Rock of Gibraltar as stated in *The Innocents Abroad*?
3. Answer any four of the following : $5 \times 4 = 20$
- (a) Write briefly on the nature of Narayana in the light of Al-Biruni's account.
- (b) Write a note on the system of arranged marriage prevalent among the educated class in India.

- (c) Write a note on the author's experience at Heaven Lake.
- (d) What is the significance of the story, 'Nisha'? (*From Volga to Ganga*)
- (e) Write briefly on the scenario of Delhi just after the assassination of Indira Gandhi.
- (f) Write a note on the Court of Muhammad bin-Tughlaq. (City *Improbable*)
4. Answer any four of the following : $10 \times 4 = 40$
- (a) Write a note on the rites and customs of different caste Hindus as described by Al-Biruni.
- (b) Discuss briefly the incident of Roop Kanwar as a victim of bride-burning.
- (c) Discuss the condition of Muslim women as revealed in the prescribed Chapter from *Alternative Realities*.
- (d) Discuss Vikram Seth's journey from Urumqi to Heaven Lake.
- (e) Connect the section I and II with the larger thematic concerns of *From Volga to Ganga*.