

TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH, PUNE
MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) ENGLISH (PART I)
EXAMINATION: APRIL/MAY- 2025
FIRST-YEAR
SEMESTER - II
Sub: Indian Literature in English (Indian Prose Works) (EC-201)

Date: 29/04/2025 **Total Marks: 100** **Time: 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**

Instructions: 1) All questions carry equal (20) marks.
2) Answer **Any Five** questions of the following:
3) Write the exact question number in the answer sheet.
4) It is mandatory to write an Introduction and Conclusion in your answers.

- Q.1** Analyze the major themes explored in Indian English Fiction.
- Q.2** How does Kanthapura reflect the essence of the Gandhian era? Justify your answer.
- Q.3** What message does Tilak convey in his essay, 'A Standard Character for Indian Languages'?
- Q.4** Examine the portrayal of the freedom movement in the novel Kanthapura.
- Q.5** Describe the setting where the astrologer conducts his business in the story 'An Astrologer's Day'.
- Q.6** Provide an overview of the plot of the novel 'A Fine Balance'.
- Q.7** Describe the plot of the novel 'Kanthapura'.
- Q.8** Discuss the significance of celebrating Shiv Jayanti as highlighted by Tilak.
- Q.9** Analyze the contribution of post-independence Indian English writers to the development of Indian English literature.
- Q.10 Write Short Notes on Any Two of the following:**
- a) The role and significance of the Swadeshi movement
 - b) Moorthy as a central character
 - c) The background of 'A Fine Balance'
 - d) The Lyricism in the novel 'Kanthapura'
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