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1. a) Answer **any two** of the following questions. **8**
- i) Where did Aadam Aziz initially live in 'Midnight's children'?
  - ii) Sketch the character of 'Gustad Noble'.
  - iii) In what ways is Ashoke a dutiful and loving husband to Ashima?
  - iv) Write a short note on protagonist of the novel 'Jasmin'.
- b) Answer **any two** of the following questions. **8**
- i) What does Salim mean by the phrase "the world is what it is" in the novel 'A Blend in the River'?
  - ii) Describe the character of Piya in 'The Hungry Tide'.
  - iii) What is the significance of the title of Anita Desai's 'In Custody'?
  - iv) Sketch the character of Tilo in 'The Mistress of Spices'.
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- i) How does Salman Rushdie present magic realism in 'Midnight's children'?
  - ii) "Human Relationship is the major theme in Rohinton Mistry's 'Such a Long Journey'. Discuss.
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- i) Consider Jhumpa Lahiri's 'The Namesake' as a postcolonial novel.
  - ii) Write an essay on themes in Bharati Mukherjee's 'Jasmin'.
4. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- i) Write a note on V.S. Naipaul's art of characterization with reference to 'A Blend in the River'.
  - ii) Write an essay on ecocritical elements in Amitav Ghosh's 'The Hungry Tide'.
5. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- i) Write an essay on theme of existentialism in Anita Desai's 'In Custody'.
  - ii) Critically analyze immigrant experiences Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's 'The Mistress of Spices'.

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