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1. a) Answer **any two** of the following questions- **8**
- i) What is the significance of the title Abhijnana Shakuntalam?
  - ii) Introduce in brief Kalidasa.
  - iii) What is the theme of Gitanjali?
  - iv) What is the worth of Gitanjali for Indians?
- b) Answer **any two** of the following questions. **8**
- i) Introduce Premchand as a writer.
  - ii) What are the major themes handled by Premchand in his works?
  - iii) Write a short note on the contribution of Bhalchandra Nemade as a literary figure
  - iv) What does the text The Veil convey as a message?
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- i) Write a critical analysis of the text Abhijnana Shakuntalam.
  - ii) Critically appreciate the text “The Loom of Time”
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- i) Write an essay on Gitanjali as a text of Indian sensibility.
  - ii) Write a critical analysis of Rabindranath Tagore’s contribution to literature with reference to any text you have studied.
4. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- i) What is the thematic concern of text. “The Chess Player” by Premchand?
  - ii) Evaluate the literary contribution of Premchand as a literary man.
5. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- i) Evaluate “Cocoon” as an existentialist novel.
  - ii) Discuss the The Veil as a saga of female power and subtle tyrannies of middle-class life.

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