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1. a) Answer **any two** of the following questions. **8**
- i) Introduce V.S. Naipaul as a literary figure.
  - ii) What does the title “Shame” mean?
  - iii) Write a note elements of incompatibility Mrs. & Mr. Das.
  - iv) Briefly mention the contribution of Bharati Mukherjee.
- b) Answer **any two** of the following questions. **8**
- i) What is the loss in “The Inheritance of Loss”?
  - ii) Explain the title “The White Tiger”.
  - iii) What does “Shadow Lines” stand for?
  - iv) Introduce Kiran Desai as a Man Booker Prize Winner.
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- a) Appreciate critically the novel “Shame”.
  - b) Write a detailed note on the plot and characterization in the novel “A House for Mr. Biswas”.
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- a) What is the thrust of the text “Desirable Daughters” by Bharati Mukherjee?
  - b) Discuss “Interpreters of Maladies” as a collection of short stories.
4. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- a) Write a critical appreciation of the text “The Inheritance of Loss”.
  - b) Discuss major characters in the novel, “The Inheritance of Loss”.
5. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- a) Discuss the art of narration and characterization in “The White Tiger”.
  - b) Amitav Ghosh is a writer of great merits with reference to the novel “The Shadow Lines”.

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