

**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**  
**(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**  
**FENG1C04- INDIAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Maximum Weightage: 30**

**Part A: Annotations. Answer any *two* questions. Each carries *two* weightage.**

1. A lurid glow waxes and wanes on the horizon,

Is it an ultimate threat from an alien star,

Or an elemental hunger licking the sky?

2. When we awoke the next

morning we found as we

expected that the job

was done clean and complete,

and the stout lizard gone.

3. Tribe, tribute, tribulation:

to purify the tongue and its broken skin

I am learning the language again,

A new speech for a new tribe.

4. Planets focus their fires

Into a worm of destruction

Edging along the continent.

Bodies turn ashen and shrivel

I only burn my tail

**(2 × 2 = 4 weightage)**

**(P.T.O.)**

**Part B: Short essay questions. Answer any *two* questions. Each carries *three* weightage.**

5. How is the concept of home portrayed in Arundhati Subrahmaniam's poem prescribed for you?
6. Analyse the poem 'River, Once' as a commentary on the ecological imbalances in the world.
7. Write a paragraph on the elements of patriarchy in *Yayati*.
8. How is society represented in Mahesh Dattani's play *Tara*?

**(2 × 3 = 6 weightage)**

**Part C: Long essay questions. Answer any *four* questions. Each carries *five* weightage.**

9. How is marginalization being portrayed in Mulk Raj Anand's *Coolie*?
10. Appreciate the novel *The Guide* as a commentary on social values.
11. Can *Midnight's Children* be considered a novel that embodies elements of new historicism?
12. Attempt an essay on how Jawaharlal Nehru looks at the concept of culture.
13. What is the symbolic significance of the casuarina tree for Toru Dutt?
14. How does Amartya Sen look upon the ideas of reason and enlightenment in the essay prescribed for you?

**(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)**