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ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper : ENG4200304MJ

(North-East Indian Literature)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2½ hours

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The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. **Answer the following questions :** **1×8=8**

a) What does the forest symbolise in the poem, *Forest –1987* ?

b) What does the word 'Hiraeth' mean?

c) What was the traditional family business of Kuhila Bai, as mentioned in the short story, *Celebration* ?

d) Which river is important in the life of the people of the story, *The Legends of Pensam*?

e) What does the protagonist search for in the story, *No Land is Her Land* ?

f) Who is the narrator of the story, *An Old Man Remembers* ?

g) What emotions does the music evoke in the narrator in the poem, *Flute Player* ?

h) Which community's people are mainly portrayed in *The Legends of Pensam* ?

2. **Answer the following questions (*any six*) :** **2×6=12**

a) What feelings does the poet express about the destruction of the Forest?

b) How does the environment influence the culture of the tribe in *The Legends of Pensam*?

c) What does the poet mean by 'Orchids smell like gunpowder' in the poem, *Forest–1987* ?

d) What is the role of storytelling as depicted in *The Legends of Pensam*?

e) Write about the representation of the Assam Andolan in Nirupama Borgohain's *Celebration*.

f) How does Nirupama Borgohain show social inequality in *Celebration*?

g) Why does the protagonist feel lonely in *No Land is Her Land* ?

h) How does the story portray the effects of war on families in *An Old Man Remembers*?

i) How does the poet show the difference between the sounds of the village and the town in the poem, *Hiraeth*?

j) What kind of noise disturbs the poet's sleep in the town in the poem, *Hiraeth*?

3. **Answer the following questions (*any four*) :** **5×4=20**

a) Write the character sketch of Gonopoti.

b) How does the poet portray the social and political condition of poet's land in the poem, *Native Land*?

c) How does the story show the impact of modernization in *An Old Man Remembers*?

d) Contrast the noisy station with the peaceful music in the poem, *Flute Player*.

e) What memories of childhood does the poet recall in the poem, *Hiraeth*?

f) How does the poet describe the beauty of the forest in the poem, *Forest–1987* ?

g) Write about the beliefs and superstitions of the Adi tribe in *The Legends of Pensam*.

h) Explain the narrative style used by Nirupama Borgohain in the story.

4. **Answer the following questions (*any two*) :** **10×2=20**

a) Discuss the significance of Kuhila Bai's character in portraying the struggles of common people during the Assam Movement.

b) How does the poet represent the tragic condition of society affected by political instability in the poem, *Native Land*?

c) Write the critical appreciation of the poem, *Flute Player*.

d) Discuss Mamang Dai's view on creation myth and oral narratives in the novel, *The Legends of Pensam*.

e) How does Temsula Ao use the old man's narrative to comment on cultural change and loss?

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