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**SCHOOL OF LAW  
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**Semester :** Semester II - 2022

**Course Code :** ENG3002

**Course Name :** Sem II - ENG3002 - Law and Literature

**Program :** BCL

**Date :** 19-MAY-2023

**Time :** 10.30AM - 12.00PM

**Max Marks :** 50

**Weightage :** 25%

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**Instructions:**

- (i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
  - (ii) Question paper consists of 3 parts.
  - (iii) Scientific and non-programmable calculator are permitted.
  - (iv) Do not write any information on the question paper other than Roll Number.
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**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS**

**(5 X 10 = 50M)**

1. Toba Tek Singh is a story of Partition, not just a partition of the land, but also of its people and their identity. It is a story of loss. Discuss how Sadat Hasan Manto depicts the psychological trauma of Partition through the predicament of Bishan Singh in his story 'Toba Tek Singh'.

(CO2) [Comprehension]

2. The peasant Grigoryev is aggrieved because he has been held guilty of violating the law. He considers himself innocent and tells the judge that a man should be flogged only if he deserves it. Why do you think he considers himself an innocent man? Was justice meted out in this case?

(CO2) [Comprehension]

3. Consider the following excerpts:

'Serve you your own time. Heed its urgent cry  
For its own law. This is your duty now.  
And do not bow' - (To a Young Judge)  
'Law is neither wrong nor right  
Law is only crimes  
Punished by places and by times' - (Law, Like Love)

How would you interpret these lines?

(CO1) [Comprehension]

4. Gandhi after being charged with the offence of sedition said “Affection cannot be manufactured or regulated by law. If one has no affection for a person or system, one should be free to give the fullest expression to his disaffection, so long as he does not contemplate, promote, or incite to violence”. Similarly, Justice Chagla believed that although the conviction of Talak for sedition might be said to be in technical compliance with justice it was in fact a denial of substantial justice because the conviction was intended to suppress his criticism of the government’s actions. Critically examine these statements.

(CO3) [Application]

5. In ‘A Jury of Her Peers’ why do Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Hale hide the crucial evidence that proves Mrs. Wright’s motive in the murder of her husband from their own husbands? Why are the women able to discover the motive for the murder better than the men in the story? What thesis, if any, does the story advance about the relationship between law and justice?

(CO2) [Comprehension]