

"I am a Brahmin and a Sanskrit scholar. I sing the Chandi poems and the holy Bhagavat and the Gita."

6. (a) Elucidate with relevant examples from the text Murthy's depiction of honesty as an important trait for self-development and servitude for a larger cause.

**OR**

- (b) In *Wise and Otherwise*, Murthy advocates women's education and financial independence. Discuss with suitable examples from the text.

7. (a) The prescribed texts revolve around different aspects of human behaviour and relationships. Discuss a few common thematic concerns from any two texts prescribed in your syllabus. Substantiate with examples from the text.

**OR**

- (b) Discuss in what ways at least four characters from the various texts prescribed in your syllabus leave a positive impression on you. Give references from at least two texts.

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Name of the Course : **GE Common Programme Group**

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**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This paper consists of **two** parts, **Part A** and **Part B**. Both parts are compulsory.
3. Candidates have to answer all the questions from **Part A** and any **three** questions from **Part B**.
4. Questions in **Part A** carry **10** marks each and questions in **Part B** carry **20** marks each.

## PART A

1. (a) Despite the promise made to his professor on graduation day that he will keep in touch, Mitch does not make any effort to connect with his favourite professor unless he sees his story on television. Why do you think Mitch does this? And what makes him finally go to his dying professor? Elaborate.

## OR

- (b) Write a short note on how Morrie's first job at a mental health hospital shaped his views on life in general and mental health in particular.
2. (a) How does Indir Thakrun's predicament in the story shed light on society's acceptance of old age? Support your response with examples from the text *Pather Panchali*.

## OR

- (b) Write a short note on Horihor Roy's dreams for his son Opu.
3. (a) Based on your reading of stories from Murthy's book *Wise and Otherwise*, explicate the importance of having confidence and a positive attitude towards life.

## OR

- (b) Write a brief note on the notion of humility based on any two stories from the text *Wise and Otherwise*.

## PART B

4. (a) How are themes of love, compassion and empathy in human relationships explored in *Tuesdays with Morrie*? Elucidate with suitable examples from the text.

## OR

- (b) Does the non-linear, memoir-like structure of *Tuesdays with Morrie* make the narrative more impactful? Discuss.
5. (a) "Bandyopadhyay's *Pather Panchali* is an exploration of rural life in Bengal." Do you agree with the given lines? Provide examples from the novel to support your answer.

## OR

- (b) As an impoverished man responsible for providing for his family, how does Horihor Roy respond to employment opportunities? What does it tell us about his character? Comment especially with reference to the given lines from the novel :