

KANYASHREE UNIVERSITY

M.A. 4th Semester Examination-2023

Subject: English

Course-CC 17

Literature of the Indian Diaspora

Full Marks-40

Time-2.00 Hours

Group A

[Answer **any four** of the following]

5×4=20

1. Who was Alec and what was his significance in Mr. Biswas's life?
2. "Ma, you think you could change my name." Explain.
3. Comment on the narrative voice in the poem "Medusa" by Agha Shahid Ali.
4. Compare and contrast the voices of Tara and Tara's mother-in-law.
5. Write a brief note on Hanuman House in *A House for Mr. Biswas*.
6. '...for a story gains power with retelling'. Explain.
7. What was the final realisation of Draupadi about her husbands?

Group B

[Answer **any two** of the following]

10×2=20

1. "Biswas emerges as the colonial Everyman, the significance of whose rebellion though debatable celebrates the cult of responsible individualism" – Assess the character of Mr. Biswas in *A House for Mr. Biswas* in light of this statement.
2. How does Agha Shahid Ali correlate mythology and history in his poem "Eurydice"? Answer with textual references.
3. Evaluate *The Palace of Illusions* as a Postmodern novel.
4. Justify the title of *Trishanku* with appropriate examples from the segments of the text which you have read.
