KANYASHREE UNIVERSITY

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination-2024 Subject: English Course- GEC Short Stories

Full Marks-40 Time-2.00 Hours

GROUP - A

(Answer **any four** of the following)

 $(5 \times 4 = 20)$

- 1. Describe the feelings of the narrator in the story "The Night Train at Deoli" when he could not find the girl at Deoli station.
- 2. Give a brief sketch of the character of Bertha Young in Katherine Mansfield's short story "Bliss".
- 3. Write a short note on the significance of the exercise book of Uma in the Tagore short story which you have read.
- 4. Describe in your own words the process of transfer of the lunatics of the asylum in the Manto's story "Toba Tek Singh".
- 5. Explain briefly the reason for which everything looked grey to Della 'that morning' in "The Gift of the Magi".
- 6. Comment on "the longings after something lost" as the dominant theme in the short story "The Night Train at Deoli".
- 7. Comment on the ending of the short story "Toba Tek Singh."

GROUP – B

(Answer **any two** of the following)

 $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. Comment on the appositeness of the title of the short story "The Necklace".
- 2. Discuss "Bliss" as a short story portraying the decay of familial values in a modern world.
- 3. Discuss O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi" as a fable about poverty, love and generosity.
- 4. Critically comment on the depiction of child marriage in Rabindranath Tagore's "The Exercise Book".
