

KANYASHREE UNIVERSITY

M.A. 4th Semester Examination-2024

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. Comment on any one character in Divakaruni's novel *The Palace of Illusions*.
2. "Truth, like a diamond, has many facets". Who is the speaker? Explain the significance of this statement in context of the novel.
3. Write a short note on the symbols used in the poem "Snow on the Desert".
4. How does Medusa seem to feel about being transformed into a hideous monster?
5. Comment on the influence of Samuel Smiles on Mr. Biswas.
6. Give a brief character sketch of Shama in *A House for Mr. Biswas*.
7. "I watch her kneel in all my lifetime
imploring the household gods
who will not let her in". Explain with reference to the context.

Group B

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

(10×2=20)

1. Evaluate *The Palace of Illusions* as a Diasporic novel.
2. Critically examine how the Indo-Canadian ethos shape the cycle of poems in *Trishanku*.
3. "The world was too small, the Tulsi family too large. He felt trapped". Discuss.
4. Comment on the significance of the title *House of a Thousand Doors*.
