becomes the raw material for 'racism'." Justify this statement made in the essay "Sri Lanka: Reign of Anomy-An essay on the ethnic conflict".

Or

How do Wasantha and Kamala try to justify their Sinhalese and Tamil perspective during their epic journey in the novel *The Road From Elephant Pass*?

**5.** Discuss Amitav Ghosh's *The Glass Place* as diasporic text.

Or

How does Imperialism lead to displacement and affect the cultural identity of the people as depicted by Amitav Ghosh in the novel ?

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(Fourth Semester)

(B. Scheme) (Main & Re-appear) (English)

ENG922B

South Asian Literatures

Time: 3 Hours [Maximum Marks: 75]

Before answering the question-paper candidates should ensure that they have been supplied to correct and complete question-paper. No complaint, in this regard, will be entertained after the examination.

**Note**: Attempt all questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Write short notes on any *five* of the following:

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(a) Discuss the role of Amir as an anti-hero in novel *The Kite Runner* 

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- (b) Enumerate the letimotif of rape in *The Kite Runner*:
- (c) Why does Changez decide not to save his beard upon returning to New York after 9/11 ?
- (d) What short of tortures had to bear by the Dutta's family after demolition of Babari Mosque in Bangladesh?
- (e) Signify the importance of the 'Elephant Pass' as represented in the novel *The Road from Elephant Pass*.
- (f) Do the transational study of the text *The Glass Palace*.
- (g) What difficulty the exiled royal family had to face while carrying the cultural baggage as presented in *The Glass Palace*?
- (h) How does "Sinhala Only" mean in Charles Ponnuthurai Sarvan's essay "Sri Lanka: Reign of Anomy—An essay the ethnic conflict".

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**2.** Do the analytical study in detail of the use of irony in the novel of Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*.

Or

How do the multiple relationships of fathers and sons affect the life course of different characters of the novel *The Kite Runner* ?15

**3.** Evaluate the theme of identity and identification in the novel of Mohsin Hamid's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*.

Or

How Taslima Nasrin's *Lajja* is a savage inductment of religious extremism that leads to a miserable life of minorities in Bangladesh?

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4. "A people who are resentful of the past, disappointed with the present and uncertain about their future, turn to xenophobic nationalism and intolerance, and history then

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