

**B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2015**

**Semester – VI**

**English**

**Paper : XV (Optional-3)**

**[(h): Indian Autobiographies]**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 40**

*Questions are of equal value.*

Answer question no. **1** and **any three** others.

1. (a) The question of 'authenticity' of self-representation is integral to the theory of the autobiography. Discuss.  

or

(b) To what extent did colonialism impact the writing of autobiographies in India? Discuss.
  2. How does *Life and Times of a Bengali Chemist* create a parallel record of the progress of the self and that of nationalist science? Substantiate.
  3. *On the Edges of Time* records the play of multiple selves in Rathindranath's response to his father. Discuss.
  4. *The Fall of a Sparrow* chronicles the birth and growth of a nation. Discuss.
  5. Comment on Bond's relationship with his father in *Scenes from a Writer's Life*.
  6. *An Autobiography* is an improvement upon the working title, *Towards Freedom*. Would you agree? Substantiate your view.
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