

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

June, 2007

MEG-8 : NEW LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt any **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer each question in 500 words.*

1. What do you understand by the term 'New Literatures in English' ? Can it be called a possible advance on 'Commonwealth Literature' ? Discuss. 20

2. What ideology does Ngugi Wa Thiong'o ascribe to ? What are his views on the role of the writer in a society ? Discuss. 20

3. Who or what is a nativist ? Do you agree that Soyinka is a nativist ? Base your answer on your reading of *A Dance of the Forests*. 20

4. What do you understand by the term 'feminism' ? Discuss Rodabai as 'Earth-Mother Figure' in *Ice-Candy Man*. 20

5. Discuss *A House for Mr. Biswas* as ‘a chronicle of socio-political changes that swept over Trinidad in the early years of the twentieth century’. 20
6. Does Caribbean poetry reflect the region’s experience of colonisation ? Give examples to support your answer. 20
7. Discuss the play of dualities at various levels in the interpretation of *The Solid Mandala*. 20
8. Does Hagar Shipley exemplify the mindset of a motherless woman ? Discuss giving suitable illustrations from the novel. 20