

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

December, 2006

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 'postcolonial' ? What role, if any, have diasporic intellectuals played in the institutionalisation of postcolonial theory ? Discuss. 20
2. What constitutes Ngugi's world-view ? Base your answer on your understanding of *A Grain of Wheat*. 20
3. What political statement does Soyinka make in *A Dance of the Forests* ? 20
4. Examine the twin themes of 'Dislocation' and 'Sense of Loss' in the novel *Ice-Candy Man*. 20

5. What is the significance of the title *A House for Mr. Biswas* ? How is the house used as a trope to indicate certain situations or states of mind ? 20
6. Examine the implications of the use of metaphors as frames of interpretation, based on your understanding of literature/poetry from the Caribbean islands. 20
7. Does White use myths and symbols convincingly in *The Solid Mandala* ? 20
8. Analyse the theme of redemption in *The Stone Angel*. 20