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All questions are compulsory.

### Section A

All questions are of 10 marks each.

1. Pipa and Mariamu.

Or

Alfred Corbin's diary.

2. The ending of *The Namesake*.

Or

Gogol and Sonia's trip to India.

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3. The epigraph in *A Fine Balance*.

Or

The child narrator in *Anita and Me*.

### Section B

All questions are of 15 marks each.

4. Meena's journey to a more mature self is marked by changes in her relationship with Anita. Comment.

Or

Discuss the strategies used by the diasporic community in maintaining a distinct cultural identity in Meera Syal's *Anita and Me*.

5. "You have to maintain a fine balance between hope and despair. In the end its all a question of balance." Discuss the significance of this statement with reference to Rohinton Mistry's *A Fine Balance*.

Or

Critically comment on the ending of the novel *A Fine Balance*.

6. Frank Maynard and Alfred Corbin are representatives of two different facets of colonialism. Discuss with reference to Vassanji's *The Book of Secrets*.

Or

Discuss the exploration of the diasporic identity through Gogol's complex and changing relationship to his name in *The Namesake*.