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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011 – 12 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 11EL/UI/CM23

B.A. / B.Sc. / B.Com. / B.V.A. / B.S.W / B.C.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL 2015

COURSE : INDEPENDENT ELECTIVE
PAPER : THE NOVEL OF COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX.MARKS:100**

SECTION – A

Answer any FOUR of the following in about 750 words. (4 x 25 = 100)

1. Comment on Emma's attempts at matchmaking. What do they reveal about her character and attitudes to marriage?
2. Comment on the way *Emma* is structured. The novel begins and ends with marriage. How does this reveal the importance of courtship and marriage to the construction of plot?
3. Do the characters in *Emma* conform to the gender roles of their time? If so, how?
4. Analyse the title of the novel *A Suitable Boy*.
5. Comment on the concept of arranged marriages as portrayed in *A Suitable Boy*.
6. *A Suitable Boy* reveals Indian conventions of caste and class in the rituals of courtship and marriage. Discuss.
