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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION APRIL 2019

INDEPENDENT ELECTIVE

CODE: 15EL/UI/CM23

DURATION: 3 HOURS

PAPER: THE NOVEL OF COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE MAX MARKS: 100

Answer any four of the following in about 1000 words each. (4X25=100)

1. The men in *A Suitable Boy* represent different aspects of love and masculinity. Consider this statement in the light of the presentation of Lata's three suitors: Kabir, Amit and Haresh.
2. Do you think the women in *A Suitable Boy* have much choice in deciding their life partners?
3. Personal events and political history are closely intertwined in *A Suitable Boy*. Comment.
4. How do the characters in the *A Suitable Boy* negotiate the delicate line that separates tradition / convention from modernity?
5. Critically comment on the narrative technique in *A Suitable Boy*.
6. What criteria do the 'match-makers' use to assess potential prospects for the eligible brides in *A Suitable Boy*?