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Rajmohan's Wife

- Portable Questions.

1. Bankim Chandra's Rajmohan's Wife examines the changing parameters of conjugality in a transitional age. Comment.
2. The characters of Bankim Chandra's Rajmohan's Wife are underdeveloped.
3. R's Wife critiques structures of Hindu conjugality by presenting various patterns of wifely service. Discuss.
4. The language of Bankim's RW is formal and stilted. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
5. Write a note on Bankim's critique of contemporary Bengali society in RW.
6. What aspects of the narrative and structure of RW are more typically Bengali than English? Substantiate your answer.
7. Can one describe RW as a novel of social realism? Give reasons for your answer.
8. Is Bankim ultimately conventional in his delineation of social values in RW? Justify your answer.
9. Is RW a national allegory? Give reasons for your answer.
10. Would the title Matangini make any significant difference in our approach to RW? Give reasons.
11. Critically consider RW as a picture of 19th Century rural Bengal.
12. Consider RW as an experimental novel.
13. Do you think Matangini would have been a more appropriate title for RW? Discuss.
14. Comment on Bankim's representation of the domestic space in RW.
15. Do you think "national allegory" is an adequate description of RW? Give reasons for your answer. Justify your answer.
16. "Read today after hundred and thirty years of its appearance RW remains a fascinating text..." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
17. Do you find any special significance in the fact that the first Indian novel in English centres on the life of an ordinary woman, the wife of Rajmohan? Give reasons for your answer.
18. RW foregrounds the ways in which the private and the public spaces are inextricably linked. Elucidate.
19. Do you agree that characterization is not Bankim's forte in RW? Give reasons for your answer.

20. What is the importance of RW in the corpus of Indian English writing? Substantiate your answer.
21. Do you think that Bankim's attitude to Matangini is sympathetic? Give reasons for your answer.
22. Comment on Bankim's RW as an allegory of the emerging nation.
23. The unsatisfactory ending of RW is foretold by the logic of experimentation with an alien form. Do you agree? Answer with detailed textual references.
24. Can we read Matangini in RW as the subalter's dream in the colonial predicament? Justify your point of view.
25. How does colonial education and colonial legal system become central to Bankim's RW? Discuss with suitable textual references.
26. Consider RW as a flawed experiment in ~~novel~~ novel writing. Illustrate with textual details.
27. Discuss the influence of the indigenous literary tradition on RW. Provide suitable textual references.

These are some of the questions set on Rajmohan's wife by Calcutta University. Last year's question was on Matangini's character and theme of marriage. So this time questions can come on title of the novel or characters of Madhav and Rajmohan. Feel free to ask me about any question, you are not able to understand.

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