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Major Test 21 November 2008: English

Time: Two Hours 1 pm – 3 pm

Maximum Marks: 50

Answer all three questions. Copy out the question you are answering. Please also enter carefully the Number of the question, its Part (e.g. 1 (a)) on your paper.

1 (a) Can you project a different conclusion to *A House for Mr. Biswas*? Justify your answer (*restrict your answer to two sides or a single page*).

15 marks

OR

1 (b) In what ways is *A House for Mr. Biswas* not a traditional novel? Give reasons for your answer (*restrict your answer to two sides or a single page*)

15 marks

2 (a) Is Mr. Biswas's life a product of accidents or is he at least partially responsible for his own actions and destiny? (*restrict your answer to two sides or a single page*)

15 marks

OR

2 (b) Analyse Naipaul's presentation of women characters in *A House for Mr. Biswas* (*restrict your answer to two sides or a single page*)

15 marks

3 Write short notes on any two of the following (*single side each*):

Hanuman House
Owad
Savi
The doll's house
The Sentinel

(10 + 10 marks)