ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It gives me a great pleasure to place on record my thanks to all those who helped me during the years of my work on this thesis. First and foremost I feel highly obliged and greatly indebted to my supervisor, Dr. Satish Bhaskar Deshpande, Professor, Department of English, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, who encouraged me throughout all the stages of my study. This study could not have been completed without his constant guidance, inspiration, and persuasion. I take this opportunity to extend my sincerest thanks to him. It is my duty to express immense regards to Hon’ble President of Shri Saraswati Bhuwan Education Society, Dr Bapusaheb Kaldate, the Vice president, Prof Dinkar Borikar, the General Secretary, Dr Ashok Bhaleroa, and all the other office bearers for their constant encouragement to take up the present academic project.

I am also thankful to the principal of my college, Dr Jagdish Khairmar and also to the former principals, Mr Jivan Desai, Dr. Shivshankar Mishra, Dr B.Y.Kshirsagar, the vice principals, Prof A. B. Deshpande and Dr Makarand Paithankar for their constant
moral support in completion of this research work. I am greatly indebted to Dr Hameed Khan, Dr K. G. Ranveer, Professor and Head, Department of English, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, and also to the former Head, Department of English, S.B. Arts and Commerce College, Dr Shrikant Tambe, Prof Chandramohan Bakhtul, and Dr Santosh Bhoomkar for their moral support. I take this opportunity to thank my senior colleague in the department, Dr Vijay Jadhav for his moral support and cooperation.

I think it my foremost duty to acknowledge a deep sense of gratitude to all of my teachers, right from the school level to the graduate and post-graduate levels, for having nurtured in me the interest in English language and literature.

My special thanks to the staff of library of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, the librarian in my College, Mr. Shivkaran Holambe and the other staff members for having given me a free access to the treasure of knowledge. I am highly indebted to the principals, and the teaching staff of various local colleges and also to the students who extended great help in administering the test required for collection of the data. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to my father, who has always been the source of inspiration for me. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the other members of my family, my better
half, Mrs Ujwala, my children for having shown a deep sense of understanding during completion of this thesis.

Last but not least, I thank all those who helped me directly or indirectly in completion of this thesis.

Sharad Shriram Yannawar