

Bachelor Degree Programme

B. D. P.

Term End Examination — December 2015 & June 2016

Elective Course

ENGLISH

(Sixth Paper : Literature in the Modern World)

Time : Four Hours

Full Marks : 100

(Weightage of Marks : 70%)

Special credit will be given for accuracy and relevance in the answer. Marks will be deducted for incorrect spelling, untidy work and illegible handwriting. The weightage for each question has been indicated in the margin.

1. Answer any *two* of the following : $20 \times 2 = 40$
 - a) Give a critical account of First World War poetry. What is new about the poetry of the period ?
 - b) Critically analyse T. S. Eliot's 'Preludes' with emphasis on its modern imagery.
 - c) Would you agree with the view that Sylvia Plath is "a Confessional poet" ? Discuss with reference to her poem 'Daddy'.
 - d) Discuss David Edgar's *Destiny* as a political play.

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- e) Briefly discuss the basic principles of Virginia Woolf's 'stream of consciousness' technique with reference to her novel *To The Lighthouse*.
 - f) Show how Narayan uses irony in 'An Astrologer's Day' and 'Selvi'.
2. Answer any *three* of the following : $12 \times 3 = 36$
 - a) Write a critical note on W. B. Yeats' 'An Acre of Grass'.
 - b) Briefly discuss the role of Maurya in Synge's *Riders to the Sea*.
 - c) Analyse the function of the Chief constable Calvin in *A Gun for Sale*.
 - d) How does 'The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber' end ? Discuss.
 - e) Describe the physical setting of Auden's poem 'On This Island'.
 - f) Discuss Bernard Shaw's wit and humour with reference to *The Dark Lady of the Sonnets*.
 - g) Briefly discuss how *Mother Courage* is both a product and a victim of war.
 - h) How did Modernism as a movement influence the 20th century novel ?

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3. Answer any *four* of the following : $6 \times 4 = 24$
- a) Explain with reference to the context :
And I sometimes see a falling star
If I could come on meteorite.
 - b) Write a short note on any *one* :
 - i) Women's Suffrage
 - ii) Alienation.
 - c) Why does MacNeice say roses and snow are incompatible ?
 - d) Discuss two methods used by Greene to make his novel *A Gun For Sale* more than a thriller.
 - e) Discuss how Selui spent her days at her mother's house.
 - f) What evidence of mockery of Christianity do you find in 'Lady Lazarus' ?
 - g) What is a purge ? Why do you think, was Maxwell purged from the National Forward Party ?
 - h) Why does Bartley ignore his mother's pleading ?
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