

Bachelor Degree Programme

B. D. P.

Term End Examination — December 2014 & June 2015

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) Write a note on any two novelists of the 1930s.
 - b) Analyse Yeats's response to the Easter Rising of 1916, as revealed in the poem, "Easter 1916".
 - c) "Church Going" is an important statement of the mid-twentieth century consciousness. Discuss.
 - d) Discuss *Riders to the Sea* as a specimen of modern one-act play.

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- e) Do you agree with the view that Raven is more sinned against than sinning in *A Gun for Sale* ?
 - f) Trace the development of Selui's personality with close reference to the text.
2. Answer any *three* of the following : $12 \times 3 = 36$
 - a) Discuss the role of the white hunter in Hemingway's "*The Short Happy Life*".
 - b) Comment on the significance of the role of Lily Briscoe in *To The Lighthouse*.
 - c) Justify the title of the play, *Destiny*.
 - d) Write a critical appreciation of Sylvia Plath's poem '*Lady Lazarus*'.
 - e) Consider Heaney's *Exposure* as a political poem.
 - f) Write a note on Eliot's use of urban imagery in 'Preludes'.
 - g) Examine the function of songs in Brecht's *Mother Courage and Her Children*.
 - h) How does MacNeice express his sense of beauty, joy and mystery of the 'World' being "incurably plural" ?

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3. Answer any *four* of the following : $6 \times 4 = 24$
- a) What picture of old age does Yeats draw in *An Acre of Grass* ?
 - b) Comment on the use of bird images in 'Marina'.
 - c) "I keep tryst here tonight with a dark lady."
Who says so ? What does he mean ?
 - d) What is Anne's role in *A Gun for Sale* ?
 - e) Why does the speaker of 'Daddy' equate the father and the husband ?
 - f) Write a short note on Epic Theatre.
 - g) Briefly describe the journey to the lighthouse.
 - h) What vision does Maurya see when she goes to give Bartley his bread ?
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