

Bachelor Degree Programme

B. D. P.

Term End Examination — December 2015 & June 2016

Elective Course

ENGLISH

(Old Syllabus)

(Second Paper : Reading Narrative)

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 an essay on the growth and development of the Periodical Essay in the 18th Century in England.
 - b) Comment on the appropriateness of the title of *Great Expectations*.
 - c) Critically comment on Hardy's presentation of the women characters in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

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- d) Do you think that *A Passage to India* is ultimately a study of human relationships ? Give reasons for your answer.
 - e) Assess the merits of 'The Lotus Eater' as a short story.
 - f) Show, after Benson, how an essayist is an "interpreter of life".
2. Answer any *three* of the following : $12 \times 3 = 36$
 - a) Write a critical note on the presentation of Miss Havisham in *Great Expectations*.
 - b) Comment on the role and function of Mr. Collins in *Pride and Prejudice*.
 - c) Assess Joseph Conrad's art of characterisation with special reference to *The Lagoon*.
 - d) Comment on the ending of Maugham's *The Lotus Eater*.
 - e) "A short story produces a single effect on the reader." Discuss with reference to a short story you have read.

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- f) What do you understand by the term 'point-of-view' ? Explain with reference to the novels you have read.
- g) Bring out the element of humour in Lynd's essay, 'Seaside'.
- h) Assess Charles Lamb as a Romantic essayist with special reference to 'Dream Children : A Reverie'.

3. Answer any *four* of the following : $6 \times 4 = 24$

- a) Discuss Bidly's role in *Great Expectations*.
- b) Write a note on the Skimmity-Ride episode in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
- c) What happens at the Netherfield Ball in *Pride and Prejudice* ?
- d) Write a short note on the character of Godbole in *A Passage to India*.
- e) Discuss the role of Woodifield in 'The Fly'.
- f) Why was the narrator curious to meet Thomas Wilson ?

- g) Why and how did Assat's brother die ?
- h) "[T]hose innocents would do her no harm."
— Identify and annotate.
- i) Why does Benson say that an essayist is the opposite of the romancer ?

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