

POST-GRADUATE COURSE
Term End Examination – December, 2009

ENGLISH

PAPER I

Time — 4 hours

Full marks : 100

(Weightage of marks : 80%)

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Section - A

Attempt **any two** of the following questions : 18×2=36

1. Assess Chaucer's *Prologue* as a document of social realism.
2. Comment on the use of conceits in "The Canonization".
3. *Absalom and Achitophel* is a masterpiece of argument in verse. Discuss.
4. Write a critical note on Milton's presentation of Satan in *Paradise Lost*, Book I.

Section - B

Answer **any three** of the following questions : 12×3=36

5. "London" presents an image of contemporary English society". Discuss.
6. Consider "Resolution and Independence" as a narrative poem.
7. Bring out the romantic qualities in "Kubla Khan".

8. Write a note on 'Keats's craftsmanship with reference to any *one* of his Odes.
9. Consider "Andrea del Sarto" as a dramatic monologue.
10. Attempt a critical analysis of "Hawk Roosting".

Section - C

11. Locate and annotate **any four** of the following : 7×4=28
 - (a) It is the star to every wandering bark ...
 - (b) Not fortune's worshipper nor fashion's fool,
Not lucre's madman nor ambition's tool,
Not proud nor servive ;
 - (c) Fled is that music ; do I wake or sleep ?
 - (d) Oh yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill.
 - (e) Come from the holy fire, perne in a gyre,
And be the singing-masters of my soul.
 - (f) Oh as I was young and easy in the mercy
of his means,
Time held me green and dying
Though I sang in my chains like the sea.
 - (g) Was he free ? Was he happy ? The question is absurd.
Hand anything been wrong, we should
certainly have heard.
 - (h) The convenience of the high trees !
 - (i) And as the tightened brakes took hold,
there swelled
A sense of falling like an arrow shower
Sent out of sight, somewhere becoming rain.

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Section - A

1. Answer **any two** of the following questions : 18×2=36
- (a) Write a brief note on the contribution of Latin to the development and evolution of the English Language.
- (b) How are the vowels of English classified ? Discuss with suitable examples.
- (c) Mention two major weaknesses of structural grammar. And briefly explain why we call them weaknesses.
- (d) What do you understand by the term “Language variation” ? How do languages vary ?

Section - B

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions : 12×3=36
- (a) (i) Give a three-term description of all the sounds of the following English word : computer. 4
- (ii) Distinguish between velic closure and velaric closure. 4

- (iii) Give an example from English for each of the following : 4

Voiced Bilabial Plosive Sound
Voiceless Labio-dental Fricative Sound
Voiced Dental Fricative Sound
Voiced Velar Nasal Sound

- (b) (i) Give the syllable division and mark the accent in any **six** of the following words : 6
utility, regularity, negative, ethical, hundred, photography, complete, impure, divorcee, advocate, zoology, fundamental.
- (ii) Write a phonemic transcription of the following : 6
The winter evening settles down
With smell of steaks in passageways.
- (c) Comment briefly with appropriate examples on primary cardinal vowels. 12
- (d) How does M. A. K. Halliday approach stylistics ? What are some of the drawbacks of his position ? 12
- (e) Discuss some of the ways in which English vocabulary is expanded today. 12
- (f) According to Chomsky what drawbacks do structural linguistics suffer from ? 12

Section - C

3. Answer **any four** of the following questions : 7×4=28
- (i) Write a short note on **any one** of the following :
(a) Gesture theory,
(b) Contact theory.
- (ii) Attempt a stylistic analysis of the following :
Water, water everywhere
And all the boards did shrink
Water, water everywhere
Nor any drop to drink.

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- (iii) Write a brief note on **any two** of the following :
- (a) Pictogram, (b) Metonymy,
 - (c) Alliteration, (d) Ellipsis.
- (iv) Give a classification of English Diphthongs.
- (v) What is a 'Pidgin' ? How does it differ from a 'creole' ?
- (vi) Give a morphological analysis of the following words :
dehumanization, children, nonsensical.
- (vii) Refer to three different kinds of repetitions found in literature and provide suitable examples.
- (viii) Give an IC analysis of the following sentences :
- (a) All the three boys disappeared.
 - (b) The big black dog bit the small boy.
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1. Answer **any two** of the following questions : $18 \times 2 = 36$
 - (a) Comment on Jonson's use of the 'double plot' in *Volpone*.
 - (b) Analyse the portrayal of Caliban in *The Tempest*.
 - (c) Do you agree with Shaw's description of *Man and Superman* as a Don Juan play ? Justify your answer.
 - (d) Is *Look Back in Anger* a 'revolutionary' play ? Answer with illustrative references.

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions : $12 \times 3 = 36$
 - (a) Discuss Shakespeare's use of his sources in *Hamlet*.
 - (b) Critically comment on the importance of the last scene in *The Rivals*.
 - (c) Is *The Importance of Being Earnest* a social satire ? Justify your answer.

- (d) *Waiting for Godot* may be described as an example of *Absurd Drama*. Discuss.
 - (e) What part is played by The Tempters in *Murder in the Cathedral* ?
 - (f) In *Look Back in Anger* Jimmy Porter and Cliff are contrasted characters. Examine this view.
3. Answer **any four** of the following questions : $7 \times 4 = 28$
- (a) Comment on Jonson's use of disguise' in *Volpone*.
 - (b) Examine the importance of the 'dumb-show' in *Hamlet*.
 - (c) Show how Prospero uses his art of 'magic' in *The Tempest*.
 - (d) Write an account of Sheridan's sources in *The Rivals*.
 - (e) Examine the role of Miss Prism in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
 - (f) How significant is the Hector-Violet episode in *Man and Superman* ?
 - (g) What dramatic purpose is served by the Interlude in *Murder in the Cathedral* ?
 - (h) Attempt a brief character-sketch of either Vladimir or Estragon in *Waiting for Godot*.

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Section - A

1. Answer **any two** of the following questions : 18×2=36
- (a) Examine Dickens' art of narration in **Great Expectations**.
 - (b) How does George Eliot treat the problem of human choice in **Middlemarch** ?
 - (c) How does the irony of **Emma** contribute to the complex meaning of the narrative ?
 - (d) Examine **A Portrait of the Artist as a Youngman** as a stream of consciousness novel.

Section - B

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions : 12×3=36
- (a) Comment on the role of Marlow's aunt in Conrad's **Heart of Darkenss**.
 - (b) Does Pip appear in **Great Expectations** as a snob or a gentleman. State reasons for your answer.

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- (c) What ideas about the development of the artist in Joyce's Ireland do you gather from **A Portrait of the Artist as a Youngman** ?
- (d) Comment briefly on the country setting of Fielding's **Tom Jones**.
- (e) What is the significance of Harriet's role vis-a-vis Emma's character.
- (f) What is the role of Bulstrade in **Middlemarch** ?

Section - C

3. Answer **any four** of the following questions : 7×4=28
- (a) What did Magwitch command Pip to do ?
 - (b) Comment on the significance of Harriet's encounter with the gipsies in **Emma**.
 - (c) Describe Thrushcross Grange as first seen by Heathcliff and Catherine.
 - (d) What is the significance of Marlow's river journey in **Heart of Darkness** ?
 - (e) Why is Dorothea's honeymoon with Casaubon a disaster ?
 - (f) In what sense is Fielding's language in **Tom Jones** a "living language" ?
 - (g) What is the role of Molly Seagrim in **Tom Jones** ?
 - (h) Comment on the significance of Stephen's first meeting with Emma Clery.

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Section – A

Answer **any two** of the following questions : 20×2=40

1. Critically examine Aristotle's theory of mimesis. How does it differ from that of Plato ?
2. Comment on the debate on the Ancients and Moderns in Dryden's 'Essay of Dramatic Poesy'.
3. Critically discuss Coleridge's theory of the imagination as expressed in 'Biographia Literarie' ?
4. Sawsure was one of the pioneers of structuralism. Discuss.

Section – B

Answer **any three** of the following questions : 14×3=42

5. Analyze Dr. Johnson's assessment of Milton's *Paradise Lost*.
6. Critically discuss the ideas that Wordsworth examines in his Preface to *Lyrical Ballads*.

7. What are Arnold's criteria for determining poetic worth ?
8. Critically examine Cleanth Brooks' understanding of Wordsworth's use of paradox in his 'Ode' Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood'.
9. Cultural Materialist critics believe that texts always have a material function within contemporary power structures. Discuss.
10. What does T. S. Eliot understand by 'tradition' and how, according to him, is the individual poet related to it ?

Section – C

Answer **any two** of the following questions : 9×2=18

11. Write a brief note on Dryden's prose style in his 'Essay on Dramatic Poesy'.
12. How does Coleridge distinguish between poem and prose ?
13. How does Arnold distinguish between the 'historical' and the 'personal' estimate in his essay 'Study of Poetry' ?
14. Give a brief account of the rise and growth of Feminist Critical Theory.

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Section – A

Answer **any two** of the following questions : 20×2=40

1. Give an account of the Enlightenment period in the history of American literature.
2. Moby Dick may be read as a symbolic fable. Discuss.
3. Examine some of the major images in Ginsberg's *Houl*.
4. Discuss the major themes in Miller's *Death of a Salesman*.

Section – B

Answer **any three** of the following questions : 14×3=42

5. Discuss the work of any **two** poets of the Puritan period.
6. Examine Emerson's views as expressed in his essay *The Poet*.
7. Can Santiago be described as a 'code hero' in *Old Man and the Sea* ? Justify your answer.

8. Analyse the central theme of Whitman's Song of Myself (Section I).
9. Show whether Frost's *Apple-picking* is a poem of rural America ?
10. *Mourning Becomes Electra* is a tragedy of death and mourning. Discuss.

Section – C

Answer **any two** of the following questions : 9×2=18

11. Comment on Thomas Paine's democratic views as expressed in his works.
12. What aspects of 'black culture' are brought out in **either** Toni Morrison's *Sula* or Faulkner's *Sound and the Fury*.
13. Examine the structure and style of any **one** of Dickinson's prescribed poems.
14. Critically comment on the character of **either** (a) Soapy (b) Lavinia Mannon.

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Section – A

Answer **any two** of the following : 20×2=40

1. Discuss Kamala Das as a post-colonial feminist poet with reference to the poems you have read.
2. Comment on Tendulkar's art of characterization in ***Silence! The Court is in Session.***
3. Analyse the plot-structure of ***Kanthapura.***
4. Comment on Tagore's criticism of the British administration in India.

Section – B

Answer **any three** of the following : 14×3=42

5. Discuss the characters of Tara or Mira Masi in ***Clear Light of Day.***
6. Comment on the language and style of ***Untouchable.***

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7. Examine some of R. K. Narayan's narrative devices in ***The Guide.***
8. Attempt a critical appreciation of Toru Dutt's ***Our Casuarina Tree.***
9. Consider the significance of Nandini in ***Red Oleanders.***
10. ***Tughlaq*** is more a political allegory than a historical play. Discuss.

Section – C

Answer **any two** of the following : 9×2=18

11. Analyse any **one** of the minor characters in ***Untouchable.***
12. Comment on Derozio's craftsmanship in any **one** of his sonnets.
13. Comment on the role of Aziz in ***Tughlaq.***
14. Critically examine the relations of Aruna and Bobby in ***Final Solution.***