

FOURTH SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2020

English

ENG 4B 01/DMENG 4B 01—MODERN ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

- 1 Who coined the word 'Theatre of the Absurd' ?
 - (a) Albert Camus.
 - (b) Franz Kafka.
 - (c) Martin Esslin.
 - (d) Robert Conquest.
- 2 The winged horse mentioned in the poem 'Easter 1916' :
 - (a) Sleipinir.
 - (b) Hippocampus.
 - (c) Pegasus.
 - (d) Unicorn.
- 3 The Magi are the three wise men from the East who travelled to _____.
 - (a) Israel.
 - (b) Bethlehem.
 - (c) Rome.
 - (d) Jerusalem.
- 4 Where was the unknown citizen working ?
 - (a) Government Bank.
 - (b) In the police force.
 - (c) Fudge Motors Inc.
 - (d) He was not working.
- 5 According to Larkin, life's events are seen as :
 - (a) Cargoes.
 - (b) Approaching ships.
 - (c) Departing vehicles.
 - (d) None of these.
- 6 Who among the following is Alison's father ?
 - (a) Webster.
 - (b) Morgan.
 - (c) Nigel.
 - (d) Colonel Redfern.
- 7 Why does the constable visit the poet's father's farm ?
 - (a) To arrest.
 - (b) To spend time.
 - (c) For tax purpose.
 - (d) To buy potato.

Turn over

8 The short story "Araby" is narrated by :

- (a) A boy. (b) An young woman.
(c) An elderly. (d) Author.

9 _____ is Sarah Woodruffs alleged French lover.

- (a) Varguennes. (b) Ernestina Freeman.
(c) Charles Smithson. (d) Sam Farrow.

10 Harold Pinter's plays are typical examples of comedy of _____.

- (a) Menace. (b) Manners.
(c) Humours. (d) Life.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences each :

- 11 Who was the woman whose nights were spent in argument until her voice grew shrill ?
12 How did the quest of the Magi end ?
13 What did the social psychology workers find about the Unknown citizen?
14 What is the theme of the poem "Next Please" ?
15 Why does the boy describe the bicycle of the constable in detail ?
16 Theme of the poem "The Thought Fox".
17 What does the boy find in the Araby bazaar ?
18 Why is Hester's poverty so frustrating to her ?
19 How should we approach a book, in Woolfs opinion ?
20 With whom does Sam Farrow fall in love ?
21 Why could Jimmy be called a hero of his time ?
22 What prevents Ben and Gus from making tea ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* of 100 words each :

- 23 Modernism.
24 Write a paragraph on the theme of the poem 'Next Please'.

- 25 Describe the schoolboy's feelings and visit to Araby.
- 26 The journey of the Magi as a spiritual quest.
- 27 The symbolic significance of the dumb waiter in the play.
- 28 Comment on the child's attitude to the visit of the constable.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words each :

- 29 Attempt a critical appreciation of "Easter 1916".
- 30 Controversy between Money and Love as shown in "The Rocking-Horse Winner".
- 31 Analyse the opinions put forward by Virginia Woolf in connection with reading.
- 32 The silence and violence of language in 'The Dumb Waiter' ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)