

2019

ENGLISH

( Major )

Paper : 4.2

( **English Poetry and Fiction :  
Modernism and After** )

*Full Marks : 80*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

SECTION—I

( **Poetry** )

1. Answer the following questions : 1×6=6

(a) Who is the armorer in *The Shield of Achilles*?

(b) Which figure of the Italian Renaissance is mentioned in *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*?

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(c) In the poem, *The Forge*, where does the door into the dark lead?

(d) Who is Thetis?

(e) What does 'green chapels' mean in *Poem in October*?

(f) What is Toner's bog in *Digging*?

2. Answer any two of the following :  $2 \times 2 = 4$

(a) Name any two sounds that the poet hears at Innisfree.

(b) "At six, I place them round her cool,  
white throat."

Who do 'them' and 'her' refer to?

(c) Name any two animals/birds mentioned in the first stanza of *Poem in October*.

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3. Explain with reference to the context any two of the following :  $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) Between my finger and my thumb

The squat pen rests.

I'll dig with it.

(b) In the room the women come and go  
Talking of Michelangelo

(c) He too has resigned his part  
In the casual comedy;

4. Answer any two of the following questions :  $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) Critically discuss *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* as a typical modernist poem.

(b) Discuss how Dylan Thomas integrates descriptions of landscape with his thoughts in his poem, *Poem in October*.

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(c) Attempt a critical appreciation of any one of the following :

(i) *The Forge*

(ii) *The Shield of Achilles*

(d) How does W. B. Yeats build up a contrast between the island and the city life in the poem, *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*?

SECTION—II

( Fiction )

5. Answer as directed (any four) : 1×4=4

(a) In *The Secret Sharer*, the narrator's ship was anchored at the head of the Gulf of \_\_\_\_\_.

( Fill in the blank )

(b) Which country did Jorge Luis Borges belong to?

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(c) For whom does Houdini perform a demonstration in flying planes?

(d) What purpose does the Captain's floating hat serve?

(e) Which character of *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* also appears in Joyce's *Ulysses*?

6. Answer any three of the following questions : 2×3=6

(a) In *Ragtime*, what does father manufacture?

(b) Describe the clothes in which the Captain dresses Leggatt.

(c) Write a very brief note on Coalhouse Walker Jr.

(d) What is 'intermedia art'?

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7. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 5×2=10

- (a) Write a brief note on Barth's idea of 'exhaustion' in literature.
- (b) Attempt a brief character sketch of any *one* of the following :
  - (i) Chief Mate
  - (ii) Charles Stewart Parnell
- (c) Write a short note on the use of stream of consciousness technique in *A portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*.
- (d) What is the significance of the title of E. L. Doctorow's novel, *Ragtime* ?

8. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 10×2=20

- (a) In *The Secret Sharer*, Conrad tells the story of two simultaneous journeys— the literal sea journey and the young captain's journey towards self-discovery. Discuss.

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- (b) Attempt after Doctorow a portrayal of America as described in *Ragtime*.
- (c) Discuss *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* as a bildungsroman novel.

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