



BRAINWARE UNIVERSITY

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Programme – B.A.(Eng)-Hons-2020
Course Name – Popular Literature
Course Code - BELS403
(Semester IV)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2:30 Hours

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

Group-A

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :

- (i) Determine from the options the correct answer. Mr. Dursley's office was on -
a) The tenth floor
b) The ninth floor
c) The eleventh floor
d) none of the above
- (ii) State what is the Buddhist monk's word for snow.
a) The Siren
b) The White Goddess
c) The Snow Queen
d) Snow White
- (iii) Recall where the story of The Murder of Roger Ackroyd starts.
a) The Three Boars, the local inn
b) Mrs. Ferrar's house, King's Paddock
c) A confinement case
d) Roger Ackroyd's house, Fernly Park
- (iv) Identify the appropriate response. John Grisham is a popular mystery author whose book The Firm has been turned into a movie starring _____.
a) Matthew McConaughey
b) Tom Cruise
c) Colin Firth
d) Hugh Grant
- (v) Determine which of the following is not one of Sukumar Ray's imaginary animals -
a) The Lug-Headed-Loon
b) The Jabberwocky
c) The Dong
d) The Pobble
- (vi) Recall the name of the person who created Bantul The Great
a) Anant Pai
b) R K Laxman
c) Narayan Debnath
d) Juran Nath
- (vii) Report why does Roger Ackroyd ask Dr. Sheppard to come to dinner with him at Fernly Park on the day Mrs. Ferrars died?
a) He does not want thirteen for dinner.
b) He wants to discuss his shiftless adopted son, Ralph.
c) Roger thinks he is being slowly poisoned.
d) He wishes to discuss the circumstances of Mrs. Ferrars's death.

- (viii) Establish the method that was employed to murder Roger Ackroyd.
- a) poisoned to death
b) stabbed in the neck from behind
c) strangulation
d) lynching
- (ix) Select the person, a Chinese student in Belgium, who was the real-life inspiration for Chang's character
- a) Zhang Chengren
b) Zhang Xingren
c) Zhang Chongren
d) Zhang Changren
- (x) Associate the time-frame with which the emergence of the majority of popular fiction is connected.
- a) The Sixteenth Century
b) The Twentieth Century
c) The Late-Nineteenth Century
d) The Eighteenth Century
- (xi) Infer the correct response. "The Rule of Twenty -One" is hypothesised to be a veiled criticism of the _____.
- a) Jallianwalabagh Massacre
b) Partition of Bengal by Lord Curzon
c) Rowlatt Act 1919
d) Defence of India Act 1915
- (xii) Determine the right name of the 'Potions Master' in Hogwarts school in 'Harry Potter'
- a) Professor Dumbledore
b) Professor Snape
c) Professor Charles Xavier
d) None of the above
- (xiii) Determine the name of the magic mirror in Harry Potter 1.
- a) Mirror of Erised
b) Mirror on the Wall
c) Mirror of Wishes
d) none of the above
- (xiv) Identify the person who can be termed as the world's first private investigator
- a) Miss Marple
b) Eugène François Vidocq
c) Sherlock Holmes
d) Nancy Drew
- (xv) Determine from the options the correct answer. When Mr. Dursley first saw the cat, it was reading -
- a) A book
b) A brochure
c) An address
d) A map

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. Explain in what ways popular culture can be differentiated into "high" and "low" culture? (3)
3. How does Harry's relationship with Quidditch reflect his personal values and goals? (3)
4. What is the significance of the final showdown between Harry and Voldemort in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets? (3)
5. Show how Christie achieves a humorous tone in The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, and what purpose does it serve? (3)
6. Write a few words about the character of Hermione Granger in "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," focusing on her intelligence, resourcefulness, and role as a female character. (3)

OR

Write briefly about the role of Professor Snape as a complex and multi-dimensional character in the first two books. (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. State why Tharkey returns to Tintin and Captain Haddock despite deserting them at the site of the plane crash. (5)
8. Examine the role of the unreliable narrator in the development of the plot of The Murder of Roger Ackroyd. (5)
9. Analyse Tintin in Tibet as an ode to friendship. (5)

10. Hercule Poirot has said that he is a student of human nature. Speculate on the validity of this statement in view of his actions in the novel. (5)
11. Locate the theme of choices and consequences in "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," using examples from the text. (5)
12. Compare and contrast the views of knowledge or of discovering the truth held by Dr. Sheppard and Poirot. (5)

OR

Appraise Agatha Christie's treatment of the final disposition of the murder. Do you agree with the end that he met? Why or why not? (5)
