



BRAINWARE UNIVERSITY

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Course Code - BEN40108
(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 the key factor which resulted in the rapid evolution of the genre of Popular Fiction in recent history.
 - a) Commercial use of steam press for printing
 - b) The fall of the Soviet Union
 - c) The American Revolution
 - d) The invention of social media
- (ii) Determine the name of the magic mirror in Harry Potter book 1.
 - a) Mirror of Erised
 - b) Mirror on the Wall
 - c) Mirror of Wishes
 - d) none of these
- (iii) Determine the answer from the options - In Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, the giant spider was named - _____.
 - a) Aragog
 - b) Peter
 - c) Scabbers
 - d) Lupin
- (iv) Choose from the following options who opens the Chamber of Secrets?
 - a) Neville
 - b) Ginny
 - c) Ron
 - d) Percy
- (v) Identify the person who befriends Tintin in China and is rescued by him in Tibet.
 - a) Blessed Lightning
 - b) Captain Haddock
 - c) Chang Chong-Chen
 - d) Bianca Castafiore
- (vi) Identify the ethnicity of Chang in Tintin in Tibet.
 - a) Japanese
 - b) Chinese
 - c) Korean
 - d) Indonesian
- (vii) State who does Tintin confuse the Yeti for in the snowstorm.
 - a) Snowy
 - b) Captain Haddock
 - c) Chang Chong-Chen
 - d) Professor Calculus

- (viii) Select the most appropriate response. Sukumar Ray mocks the _____ refereeing them as Pumpkin-Puff.
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| a) Foreign Traders | b) Native Soldiers |
| c) Indian Imperials | d) British Colonizers |
- (ix) Trace the person who first used the term "graphic novel".
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| a) Alan Moore | b) Will Eisner |
| c) Richard Kyle | d) Dave Gibbons |
- (x) Select the statement that you think best applies to the poem "Hotch-potch".
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| a) It is a diatribe against the repressive policies of the British rulers | b) It is an allegory of the unequal power balance that affected colonial hybrid identities. |
| c) It is a critique of colonial masculinity | d) It is a satire on the gender discrimination that was prevalent in those times |
- (xi) What does the Baskerville hound indicate in The Hound of the Baskervilles?
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| a) The dark legacy of the Baskerville family | b) The specter of death haunting the moor |
| c) Baskerville family's love for hunting dogs | d) Mixing of science-fiction with Pastoral allegory |
- (xii) Choose how does Conan Doyle use foreshadowing in the narrative.
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| a) Through the character of Frankland | b) Through the eerie atmosphere of the moor |
| c) Through the 500 years old Baskervilles Hall. | d) All of these |
- (xiii) Recall what constitutes an icon according to Scott McCloud.
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| a) Any image used to represent a person, place, idea, thing | b) Any image that has contradictory meaning than its depiction |
| c) Any image that has no meaning and is merely a scribble | d) Any image that is represented in colour |
- (xiv) Select the correct option - Why does Laura Lyons refuse to tell anyone why she missed her late-night appointment with Sir Charles?
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| a) Because she killed him, dressing up like a massive hound and scaring him to death | b) Because she is protecting Stapleton, whom she thinks is in love with her |
| c) Because she is afraid of a public scandal | d) Because she did not miss her late-night appointment |
- (xv) Estimate what does the Pumpkin-Puff in the poem symbolically represents:
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| a) An English colonial officer | b) A supernatural spirit |
| c) A foolish villager | d) A mythical monster |

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. State the strange things people are asked to do when Pumpkin Puff comes to the fore. (3)
3. Describe how, in Hotchpotch, Sukumar Ray shows different animals melding together to create fantastic new crossbreeds. (3)
4. Examine Chang's attribution of humane qualities to the mysterious Yeti in Tintin in Tibet. (3)
5. Explain the significance of the final showdown between Harry and Voldemort in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. (3)
6. Assess the significance of the resemblance between Stapleton and Hugo Baskervilles. (3)

OR

Assess the pattern of classical detective fictions and write the basic ways of disposing of the murderer in the end of the story. (3)

Group-C
(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Recall how Pumpkin's -Puff's activities make him an oppressive presence in the lives of his subjects. (5)
8. Discuss the role of Captain Haddock in Tintin's journey to Tibet. (5)
9. Explain why Tintin in Tibet can be classified as a graphic novel. (5)
10. Review the symbolism of the Sorting Hat and the Houses of Hogwarts as a representation of identity, diversity, and unity in the wizarding world. (5)
11. Assess the character development of Harry in the first two Harry Potter books. (5)
12. Analyze and explain the symbols used in the novel *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. (5)

OR

Explain the theme of isolation in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. (5)
