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Course Code - BELS402

(Semester IV)

Time : 2:30 Hours

Full Marks : 60

[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) Name the poet associated with the definition of modernism as the tendency to "make it new".
- a) Ezra Pound
b) T. S. Eliot
c) W. B. Yeats
d) W. H. Auden
- (ii) Identify the movement which is associated with 20th century modernism.
- a) Symbolism
b) Vorticism
c) Surrealism
d) All of the above
- (iii) Select the book in which the term 'stream of consciousness' was coined.
- a) The Principles of Psychology
b) The Four Fundamental Concepts of Psychoanalysis
c) The Unconscious
d) Écrits: A Selection
- (iv) Identify the odd one among the following poets.
- a) Rupert Brooke
b) Dylan Thomas
c) Siegfried Sassoon
d) Wilfred Owen
- (v) Identify the name of the ship in Secret Sharer that the captain is on.
- a) Sephora
b) Sphinx
c) Bartholomew
d) Unnamed
- (vi) Identify what the captain initially thinks is at the bottom of the ladder in Secret Sharer.
- a) A Fish
b) A Convict
c) A treasure box
d) A headless corpse
- (vii) Choose the person who died in the house where the narrator of "Araby" lives.
- a) An orphan
b) A widow
c) A priest
d) A businessman
- (viii) Choose what the narrator of "Araby" needs from his uncle.
- a) The direction to Araby
b) The ride to Araby
c) The permission to go to Araby
d) Money for the fare

- (ix) 'Dulce et decorum est pro patriae mori' can be explained as-
- a) Of arms and the man I sing
 b) It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country
 c) Seize the day
 d) None of the above
- (x) State where the soldier in "Strange Meeting" finds himself.
- a) At home
 b) In Heaven
 c) In Hell
 d) In the trenches
- (xi) Explain what the word 'midnight' refers to 'An Acre of Grass'.
- a) end of days, end of life and darkness
 b) end of hope/despair
 c) crisis of faith
 d) All the above
- (xii) Choose why the speaker feels like a 'Prince' in 'Fern Hill'.
- a) because he was well loved by his parents
 b) he plays the role of a prince
 c) youth is so great, that the speaker refers to himself as a prince
 d) his friends call him 'Prince'
- (xiii) Identify the setting of the short story 'The Fly'.
- a) The story is set in the post-WWII era
 b) The story is set in the post-WW1 era
 c) 1 is right but 2 is wrong
 d) 2 is right but 1 is wrong
- (xiv) The fly's struggle for survival can be interpreted as _____.
- a) Woodifield's "drowning" in grief
 b) a symbol of the boss's son and Woodifield's son Reggie, who were both killed in World War I and now lie buried in Belgium
 c) The Boss's failure to save the life of his friend
 d) None of the above
- (xv) Choose the line from the poem 'Funeral Blues' which indicates nothing in the world is permanent.
- a) "Let aeroplanes circle mourning overhead"
 b) "I thought that love would last forever"
 c) "Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood"
 d) "For nothing now can come to any good"

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. How does Stream of Consciousness portray the inner psyche of a character? Explain with examples from 20th century literature. (3)
3. Illustrate the epigraph of the poem 'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock by T.S. Eliot. (3)
4. Sketch the character of Thomas Wilson. Is the name 'Lotus Eater' appropriate to him? (3)
5. State how the acts of war contrasted with those of the sun in the poem, "Futility". (3)
6. Critically comment on the last days of Wilson's life. (3)

OR

Assess Leggatt as the Captain's double in *The Secret Sharer*. (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Infer the character of the boy in Joyce's 'Araby'. (5)
8. Explain the title 'Lotus Eater' by William Somerset Maugham. (5)
9. Examine the character of Leggatt in Conrad's *The Secret Sharer*. (5)

10. Describe the factors responsible for modernism in the 20th century. (5)

11. Analyse the significance of the lines--"Strange friend," I said, "here is no cause to mourn." (5)

"None," said that other, "save the undone years, The hopelessness' from 'Strange Meeting'

12. How would you justify the title of Owen's poem 'Futility' (5)

OR

Several times the word 'time' has been used in the poem 'The Love Song by J. Alfred Prufrock' by T.S. Eliot. "There will be time, there will be time". Write in detail what does Prufrock want to indicate through the word time. (5)
