

2018

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) What was the original title of *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*?

(b) What does Heaney's comparison of the 'skunk' to a 'visitor' mean?

(c) When was *The Shield of Achilles* first published?

(d) What was the occasion for which Dylan Thomas wrote the *Poem in October*?

(e) What does the anvil look like? (*The Forge*)

(f) "All night I feel their absence and I burn."

Whose absence does the poet feel all night?

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

(a) Fill in the blanks :

"There midnight's all a _____, and noon
a _____ glow,
And _____ full of the _____ wings."

(b) What is the significance of the title (name), 'J. Alfred Prufrock' ?

(c) "A plain without a feature, bare and brown..." Describe the plain after Auden.

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

(a) As three pale figures were led forth
and bound
To the three posts driven upright in
the ground.

(b) Hearts with one purpose alone
Through summer and winter seem
Enchanted to a stone
To trouble the living stream.

(c) Let us go then, you and I,
When the evening is spread out
against the sky
Like a patient etherized upon a table;

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

(a) What is the 'overwhelming question' in
The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock?
Discuss.

- (b) How does Auden contrast reality and expectation in *The Shield of Achilles*?
- (c) Attempt a critical analysis of any one of the following :
- (i) *Lake Isle of Innisfree*
 - (ii) *Easter 1916*
- (d) Discuss *Poem in October* as a poem concerning memory.

SECTION—II

(Fiction)

5. Answer any four of the following questions :

1×4=4

- (a) By what name does the Captain refer to the Chief Mate?
- (b) Who is the author of the novel with which Stephen falls in love?

(c) What cargo is the ship 'Sephora' carrying?

(d) What does John Barth mean by 'exhaustion' ?

(e) J. P. Morgan is fascinated with the history of which nation?

6. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

2×3=6

(a) Why do John Casey and Dante argue at Stephen's first Christmas dinner at the adult table?

(b) What is Stephen's reaction to Father Arnall's sermons?

(c) How does the Captain help Leggatt avoid detection by the Sephora's Skipper?

- (d) Why does Father initially object to Coalhouse's visits?

7. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

5×2=10

- (a) How do the characters in *Ragtime* react to changes in their environment?

- (b) Describe the meeting between the Captain and Leggatt.

- (c) Attempt a character sketch of either Simon or Cranly.

- (d) Discuss Barth's views on Borges.

8. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) *The Literature of Exhaustion* by John Barth is considered to be the manifesto of post-modernism. Elucidate.

- (b) Write a note on *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* as an autobiographical novel.
- (c) Discuss Conrad's use of the 'doppelganger' theme in *The Secret Sharer*.

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