

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE: ALLIED – CORE
PAPER: LITERATURE AND IDEAS

TIME: 3 HOURS
MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION – A

I. Answer any four of the following in about 200 words each: (4x5=20)

1. Social Contract
2. The Transcendent
3. Freud's Theory of Id
4. Base and Superstructure
5. Apollonian principle
6. Ecocriticism
7. The Collective Unconscious

SECTION – B

II. Answer any three of the following in about 650 words each: (3x20=60)

8. Critically analyse Toril Moi's observations in "Feminine, Feminist, Female."
9. Examine Arne Naess's views on Deep Ecology.
10. The intersectional experiences of race, class and gender should contribute to the shaping of Feminist theory. Comment.
11. Attempt a study of the ideas in chapters 1 to 5 of *Hard Times*.
12. "Man is condemned to be free; because once thrown into the world, he is responsible for everything he does." Explain the relevance of this observation.
13. Discuss the significance of Hegel's philosophical insights in "Phenomenology of the Mind."

SECTION – C

III. Analyse any one of the following passages in about 750 words: (1x20=20)

14. The Unknown Citizen by W. H. Auden

*(To JS/07 M 378
This Marble Monument
Is Erected by the State)*

He was found by the Bureau of Statistics to be
One against whom there was no official complaint,
And all the reports on his conduct agree
That, in the modern sense of an old-fashioned word, he was a saint,
For in everything he did he served the Greater Community.

Except for the War till the day he retired
 He worked in a factory and never got fired,
 But satisfied his employers, Fudge Motors Inc.
 Yet he wasn't a scab or odd in his views,
 For his Union reports that he paid his dues,
 (Our report on his Union shows it was sound)
 And our Social Psychology workers found
 That he was popular with his mates and liked a drink.
 The Press are convinced that he bought a paper every day
 And that his reactions to advertisements were normal in every way.
 Policies taken out in his name prove that he was fully insured,
 And his Health-card shows he was once in hospital but left it cured.
 Both Producers Research and High-Grade Living declare
 He was fully sensible to the advantages of the Instalment Plan
 And had everything necessary to the Modern Man,
 A phonograph, a radio, a car and a frigidaire.
 Our researchers into Public Opinion are content
 That he held the proper opinions for the time of year;
 When there was peace, he was for peace: when there was war, he went.
 He was married and added five children to the population,
 Which our Eugenist says was the right number for a parent of his generation.
 And our teachers report that he never interfered with their education.
 Was he free? Was he happy? The question is absurd:
 Had anything been wrong, we should certainly have heard.

“Nameless Pain” by Elizabeth Drew Barstow Stoddard

I should be happy with my lot:
 A wife and mother – is it not
 Enough for me to be content?
 What other blessing could be sent?

A quiet house, and homely ways,
 That make each day like other days;
 I only see Time's shadow now
 Darken the hair on baby's brow!

No world's work ever comes to me,
 No beggar brings his misery;
 I have no power, no healing art
 With bruised soul or broken heart.

I read the poets of the age,
 'Tis lotus-eating in a cage;
 I study Art, but Art is dead
 To one who clamors to be fed

With milk from Nature's rugged breast,
 Who longs for Labor's lusty rest.
 O foolish wish! I still should pine
 If any other lot were mine.
