

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022
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 100-words each. (4x5 = 20 marks)

1. What are Nietzsche's views on the synthesis of the Apollonian and the Dionysian principles?
2. Briefly describe Toril Moi's criticism of Elaine Showalter's use of the terms feminine, feminist and female to trace the trajectory and evolution of women's writing.
3. Write a short note on Rousseau's concept of the "general will".
4. How does bell hooks define oppression?
5. What are the differences between Sigmund Freud's and Carl Jung's views on the structure of the human psyche?
6. What is the inconsistency that Schopenhauer believed lay at the heart of Kant's philosophy?

SECTION – B

II. Answer any three of the following in about 500 words each. (3x20 = 60 marks)

7. Trace the influence of Rousseau in Wordsworth's *Prelude*.
8. Comment on the archetypal patterns and images in Sylvia Plath's "Mirror".
9. What did Kant mean by the terms "noumena" and "phenomena" and how does Hegel alter Kant's conception of these terms?
10. Analyse Kafka's *Metamorphosis* as an allegory of modern capitalist society's alienation and existential angst.
11. Do you think it's possible to understand class hierarchy and intervene in the struggle between social classes without the base-superstructure model? Explain.

SECTION – C

III. Critically analyse any one of the following literary texts using any critical/philosophical framework of your choice. (1x20 = 20 marks)

12.

"A Man Said to the Universe"

By Stephen Crane

A man said to the universe:

"Sir, I exist!"

"However," replied the universe,

"The fact has not created in me

A sense of obligation."

OR

“Holy Thursday: Is this a holy thing to see”

By William Blake

Is this a holy thing to see,
In a rich and fruitful land,
Babes reduced to misery,
Fed with cold and usurous hand?

Is that trembling cry a song?
Can it be a song of joy?
And so many children poor?
It is a land of poverty!

And their sun does never shine.
And their fields are bleak & bare.
And their ways are fill'd with thorns.
It is eternal winter there.

For where-e'er the sun does shine,
And where-e'er the rain does fall:
Babe can never hunger there,
Nor poverty the mind appall.
