

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2008
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : ALLIED – CORE
PAPER : HISTORY OF IDEAS
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS : 100**

I Attempt four essays: (4x10=40)

- a) Evaluate Nietzsche's Apollonian and Dionysian Principles.
- b) Explain with examples Hegel's concepts of Triadic Movement and the Dialectic.
- c) "Man is born free and everywhere he is in chains" – Discuss Rousseau's statement with reference to his concept of General Will and Social Contract.
- d) Explore Karl Marx's development of ideas in his Ideological Apparatus Or Base-Superstructure.
- e) Attempt a critical evaluation of the First Wave and the Second Wave in Feminisms.
- f) Explain with examples Sartre's concept of Existence and Essence.

II. Write short notes on any six: (6x5=30)

- a) Historical Materialism
- b) The Myth of Eternal Return
- c) Attributes of the Noble Savage
- d) Hegel's concept of The Absolute Idea
- e) Sartre's concept of Nothingness
- f) Kant's Transcendental Aesthetic
- g) Liberal / Radical Feminism
- h) A priori and a posteriori

III. Choose TWO passages; identify and comment on what appears to be its underlying philosophy. (2x15=30)

- a) There is a picture in my room,
It is a picture
Of a beautiful white lady
I used to think her sweet
But now I think
She lacks something
I was so ugly
Because I am black
But now I am glad I am black
There is something about me
That has a dash in it
Especially when I put on
My bandana.

Marson, 'Black is fancy'

- b) “Behold I teach you the Overman! The Overman is the meaning of the earth. Let your Will say: The Overman shall be the meaning of the earth! I beseech you, my brother, remain faithful to the earth....”

Thus Spake Zarathushtra: Prologue

- c) Vladimir: We met yesterday (silence)
Do you remember?

Pozzo: I don't remember having met anyone yesterday, but tomorrow I won't remember having met anyone today. So, don't count on me to enlighten you.

Waiting for Godot – Samuel Beckett

- d) Don't yield to the power of the powerful. Arise, you working people! You are the masters of life! All live by your labor; and only for your labor do they untie your hands. Behold! You are bound, and they have killed, robbed your soul.

Mother – Maxim Gorky
