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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIFTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2013

EL 5501 - CONTEMPORARY BRITISH LITERATURE

Date: 10/05/2013
Time: 9:00 - 12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

I. Answer the following questions in not more than 30 words each: (10x2=20)

1. The world at the present day stands in need of two kinds of things
What, according to Russell, are the two things the world requires at present?
2. Thomas Aquinas states parenthetically, as something entirely obvious, that men are more rational than women.
What is Russell's response to Aquinas' opinion?
3. He is the moral fool, the man who, as we would say, is playing the pol.
Whom does Barclay refer to as a moral pol? Why?
4. "And girls in slacks remember Dad".
Comment on the tone of the poet.
5. One is always nearer by not keeping still. Bring out the significance of this line.
6. Cold eyes and bodies roped in steel, Forever bent upon the kill
Whom does Ted Hughes refer to as having cold eyes and bodies of steel?.. why does he say so?
7. You see, what it is, you see, I changed my name years ago, I've been around under the assumed name!. That is not my real name.
Why does Davier of "The care taker" go under an assumed name?
8. And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all, seen in a stained
glass windows here,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
What is the "most tremendous tale of all"?
9. Thought of the others they would never meet of how their lives would all contain this hour.
Why would the people never meet?
10. "We are all in the hands of God", Bring out the irony in the line.

PART B

II Answer any FIVE of the following in about 150 words each: (5*8=40)

11. Critically analyse Ted Hughes "Thrushes".
12. Consider John Betjeman's "Christmas" as a religious poem.
13. Elaborate upon the warning issued to mankind by Peter Porter through "your Attention please".
14. Consider Pinter's "The caretaker" a comedy of menace.
15. Attempt a critical appreciation of Charles Cowsley's "song of the pying Gunner".
16. Sketch the character of Dorothy Moore of "Junipers".
17. Discuss the theme of Murdoch's "The Bell".
18. Sum up Russell's views on the ideas that have harmed mankind.

PART C

III Answer the following in about 300 words each:

(2*20=40)

19. Write an essay on the 20th century poets prescribed for you.

Or

20. Attempt an appreciation of Ted Hughes' Poems.

21. Consider Pinter's "The Care Taker" an example of the absurd play.

Or

22. Write an essay on the allegory present in "Lord of the Flies".

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