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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2019

18PEL3MC01 – BRITISH PROSE AND FICTION

Date: 29-10-2019

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00-12:00

PART - A

Answer any five of the following questions in about 200 words each. (5 x 8 = 40 Marks)

1. What is the social issue discussed by Charles Lamb in “In Praise of Chimney Sweepers”? Does it evoke pathos?
2. What are Hazlitt’s reflections on the importance of travel in completing one’s education?
3. Comment on Bertrand Russell’s views about work and leisure in the essay “In Praise of Idleness”.
4. Comment on the significance of the letter in “The Demon Lover”.
5. How does the obsession with money and wealth bring destruction to the family of Hester?
6. *Araby* deals about the gap between imagination and reality. Discuss.
7. Estimate the character of man in black.
8. Describe Sir Roger’s portrait gallery.

PART - B

II. Answer the following questions in about 400 words each. (3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

9. A) Comment on the symbolism and the Stream of Consciousness techniques in Virginia Woolf’s “To the Lighthouse”.

Or

- B) Bring out the impact of colonization in the lives of the characters in “A Passage to India” by E.M. Forster.

10. A) How do characters in “White Teeth” try to establish clear identities? What does their immigrant status have to do with their searching for self-definition?

Or

- B) Critically evaluate Bacon’s views on the fruits of friendship.

- 11) A) *Lord of the Flies* is the conflict between the human impulse towards savagery and the rules of civilization. Elucidate.

Or

- B) Compare and contrast the three suitors of Bathsheba Everdene in *Far From Madding Crowd*.
