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(For the candidates admitted from 2012-2013 onwards)

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017.

Fourth Semester

English

GENERAL ESSAY

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer the following questions, choosing either (a) or
(b) in 200 words each.

1. (a) Describe the characteristics of Victorian poetry.

Or

- (b) Analyse briefly the features of twentieth century American poetry.

2. (a) The Absurd theatre.

Or

- (b) The social tragedies of Arthur Miller.

3. (a) Trace the origin and growth of satirical essay.

Or

- (b) Describe the non-fiction and its role in commonwealth literature.

4. (a) Explicate science fiction.

Or

- (b) Analyse and American novel of your choice.

5. (a) Write about Indian English.

Or

- (b) Discuss American English.

SECTION B — (5 × 10 = 50 marks)

Answer the following questions in 500 words each.

6. (a) Explicate the features of Romantic poetry with reference to any two Romantic poets.

Or

- (b) Comment on the characteristics of Twentieth century with reference to yeats, T.S. Eliot and W.H. Auden.

7. (a) Discuss Shakespeare as a great dramatist of all times.

Or

- (b) Comment on post colonial aspects in Commonwealth drama.

8. (a) Describe Bacon's contribution to the Aphoristic essay.

Or

- (b) Elucidate the contribution of Addison and Steele to the periodical essay.

9. (a) Exemplify the variety in British novels with reference to the novels of your choice.

Or

- (b) Trace the origin of Indian novel in English and comment on the three great novelists.

10. (a) Discuss the importance of English as the international language.

Or

- (b) Describe the importance of teaching English at the tertiary level.