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Sixth Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, April 2025
(2019 to 2022 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH
6B12ENG: Literary Theory

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 40

I. Write an essay in 250 words on one of the following.

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- 1) Discuss Poststructuralism and its critique of structuralism.
- Describe the contributions of Freud in the development of psychoanalytic criticism.
- II. Write an essay in 250 words on one of the following.

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- Illustrate how E.V. Ramakrishnan expresses dissent and resistance in the literary tradition.
- 4) Discuss how Terry Eagleton critiques traditional definitions of literature in the essay "What is Literature".
- III. Answer four of the following in about 100 words.

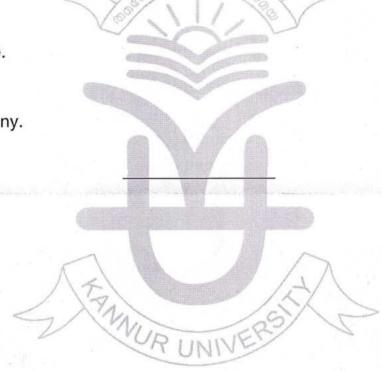
 $(4 \times 4 = 16)$ 

- 5) Ecriture.
- 6) Modernity.
- 7) Identity.
- 8) Explain cultural materialism and its relation to Marxist criticism.
- 9) Orientalism.
- 10) Repression.



- IV. Answer eight of the following in not more than two sentences.
- $(8 \times 1 = 8)$

- 11) Canon.
- 12) Name a post-structuralist critique of structuralism.
- 13) Paradigm.
- 14) Gaze.
- 15) Eurocentrism.
- 16) Superego.
- 17) Sign.
- 18) Pastiche.
- 19) Culture.
- 20) Hegemony.





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CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH
6B13ENG: Women's Writing

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 40

I. Write an essay in 200 words on one of the following:

 $(1 \times 8 = 8)$ 

- Consider Alice Walker's "In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens" as a womanist manifesto.
- Evaluate the distinction that Judith Butler makes between performance and performativity.
- II. Write an essay in 200 words on one of the following:

 $(1 \times 8 = 8)$ 

- 3) Analyse Mahashwetha Devi's portrayal of the subaltern in Bayen.
- 4) Discuss the theme of isolation in Room.
- III. Answer four of the following in about 80 words.

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- 5) What message does the poem, "Phenomenal Woman", convey?
- 6) The character of Louise Mallard.
- 7) How does the poet describe Aunty Jennifer's struggles?
- 8) What is the poem, "The Mother", about ?
- 9) Use of symbols in "The Fly".
- 10) How does Kishwar Naheed react to the abuse of women?
- IV. Answer eight of the following in not more than two sentences.

- 11) Where is the story, 'The Yellow Wallpaper', set?
- 12) What event triggers the boss' memories in "The Fly"?



- 13) What is the setting of Act 1 of Top Girls?
- 14) What does Aunty Mable's house have in place of walls?
- 15) What does Bayen's final act symbolise?
- 16) Who is the narrator of Emma Donaghue's Room?
- 17) Which political character does the play Top Girls criticize?
- 18) What is the problem discussed in "Garments"?
- 19) Comment on the ending of "The Story of an Hour".
- 20) How does the news of Mr. Mallard's death affect Louise?





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CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH
6B14ENG: Indian Writing in English

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 40

I. Write an essay in 250 words on one of the following.

 $(1 \times 8 = 8)$ 

- 1) Discuss the influence of colonial English education on the development of literature in Indian languages during the 19th century.
- 2) Discuss K. Satchidanandan's views on the legitimacy and cultural significance of Indian Writing in English as presented in "On Indian Writing in English".
- II. Write an essay in 250 words on one of the following.

 $(1 \times 8 = 8)$ 

- 3) Discuss the portrayal of communal violence and its consequences in Amitav Ghosh's *The Shadow Lines*.
- 4) How does Girish Karnad use myth and folklore in Naga Mandala to explore themes of love, identity and transformation?
- III. Answer four of the following in about 100 words.

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- 5) What kind of freedom does Tagore desire for his country?
- 6) How does Kamala Das explore the theme of love and longing in "Ghanashyam"?
- 7) What message about India's past and future does Dorazio convey in "The Harp of India"?
- 8) What is the theme of the poem "Poet, Lover, Birdwatcher"?
- 9) How did the nightingale fall prey to the heartless frog?
- 10) What are the key differences between Greek and Sanskrit plays as discussed in "The Old Indian Theatre"?



IV. Answer eight of the following in not more than two sentences.

- 11) Why did the Nightingale call the frog a Mozart in disguise?
- 12) What do the best poets wait for, according to Nissim Ezekiel?
- 13) To what does Derozio compare India's former greatness?
- 14) How does Tagore describe the old habit?
- 15) What is the significance of the narrator's trip to Dhaka in "The Shadow Lines"?
- 16) What is the significance of the question "Where do you come from"?
- 17) What event causes the narrator to reflect on her father's aging in Of White Hairs and Cricket?
- 18) According to Makarand Paranjpe, what role does language play in the Indian English novel?
- 19) Who is Kurudavva in Naga Mandala?
- 20) What are the two things the poet asks for strength to refrain from in "Gitanjali: Song 36"?



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Sixth Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Regular/ Supplementary/Improvement) Examination, April 2025 (2019 to 2022 Admissions) CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH 6B15ENG: Film Studies

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 40

I. Write an essay in 250 words on one of the following:

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- 1) What are Satyajit Ray's views on national style in cinema and cultural identity?
- 2) How does Arundhati Roy present the problems of narrating the truth in Indian films?
- II. Write an essay in 250 words on one of the following:

 $(1 \times 8 = 8)$ 

- 3) How has <u>Rashomon</u> influenced world cinema through its innovative narrative structure?
- 4) Discuss the portrayal of the themes of oppression and resistance in <u>The Bandit Queen.</u>
- III. Answer four of the following in about 100 words.

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- 5) Write a note on the French New Wave.
- 6) Auteur theory.
- 7) What is mise en scene?
- 8) What is the significance of the Rashomon gate?
- 9) Analyse caste as a major theme in Neelakuyil.
- 10) What is 'cine language' in film semiotics?



IV. Answer eight of the following in not more than two sentences.

- 11) Road movies.
- 12) What is Apparatus theory?
- 13) What is continuity editing?
- 14) How did Phoolan Devi revenge against Puttilal?
- 15) Sergei Eisenstein.
- 16) What is the significance of Dynka in Subramanian puram?
- 17) What is the purpose of lighting in the filming process?
- 18) What is a jump cut?
- 19) What is an establishing shot?
- 20) Diegetic sound.





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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE IN ENGLISH
6B16(1) ENG: World Literature in Translation

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 40

- I. Write an essay about 250 words on one of the following:
  - Discuss the ways in which Goethe's Prometheus critiques the traditional power dynamics between Gods and Humans.
  - 2) What insights about the nature of human destiny do Quatrains 68 to 72 of The Rubaiyat offer? (1×8=8)
- II. Write an essay about 250 words on one of the following:
  - 3) How does Tolstoy's "The Repentant Sinner" convey a message about divine mercy and redemption?
  - 4) How does A Respectable Wedding critique the life and values of petit bourgeois society? (1×8=8)
- III. Attempt any four out of the eight questions in about 100 words each. It is compulsory that you attempt two questions from each Section.

#### SECTION - A

- 5) How does The Decameron critique society?
- 6) What is notable about Calvino's narratives?
- 7) Why is Aeschylus called 'The Father of Tragedy'?
- 8) How does Hesse incorporate philosophy in his novels?



#### SECTION - B

- 9) What role does social status play in Hauchecorne's downfall?
- 10) How did Miss Olga treat Vanka?
- 11) Why are capitalized words significant in "The Library of Babel"?
- 12) What does the red robe suggest about Jean Tarrou's father's identity?

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## IV. Attempt any eight short answer questions from out of ten:

- 13) Who is the speaker in the poem "The Drunken Boat"?
- 14) What is the quarrel between Oedipus and Laius about?
- 15) What was the strange request one of the thieves on the cross to Jesus Christ?
- 16) What is the main theme of Italo Calvino's story "The Man Who Shouted Teresa"?
- 17) Who is the first human victim of the plague?
- 18) What social issue does Chekhov critique in Vanka?
- 19) What is a one-act play?
- 20) How does Paneloux view science in the context of the plague?
- 21) What happens to the guy who first questions the absurdity of calling out the name Teresa?
- 22) What advice does Jocasta give to Oedipus?