

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(Fourth Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FICTION

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	Who is Mr. Collin's patroness and Mr. Darcy's aunt? i) Lady Catherine de Bourgh (ii) Miss Bingley (iii) Georgina Darcy (iv) Miss Darcy	K1	CO1
	2	What is the name of the estate owned by Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy? (i) Netherfield Park (ii) Pemberley (iii) Longbourn (iv) Rosings Park	K2	CO1
2	3	Which character is praised for her intelligence, loyalty, and sharp wit, often acting as a detective for the family? (i) Mrs. Michelson (ii) Laura Fairlie (iii) Madame Fosco (iv) Marian Halcombe	K1	CO1
	4	The novel <i>Woman in White</i> is structured using multiple narrators. What is this literary technique called? (i) Polyphonic narration (ii) An unreliable narrator (iii) First-person narration (iv) Epistolary narration	K2	CO1
3	5	What are the two cities mentioned in the title of the novel <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> ? (i) Paris and Rome (ii) London and Dover (iii) London and Paris (iv) Dover and Versailles	K1	CO1
	6	How is Sydney Carton related to Charles Darnay in the novel <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> ? (i) They are friends from childhood (ii) They are both in love and are not childhood friends (iii) They are brothers (iv) They are identical in appearance	K2	CO1
4	7	What is the name of the highest social caste in the World State in <i>Brave New World</i> ? (i) Gammas (ii) Alphas (iii) Epsilons (iv) Betas	K1	CO1
	8	Why does John the Savage ultimately reject the World State in <i>Brave New World</i> ? (i) He wants to live a life of genuine emotion, suffering, and freedom, rather than manufactured happiness. (ii) He misses the comfort of the Savage Reservation. (iii) He is denied the right to have a romantic relationship. (iv) He wants to overthrow the World Controller and take his place.	K2	CO1
5	9	How do Holmes and Watson discover the true nature of the 'supernatural' hound in the <i>Hound of the Baskervilles</i> ? (i) They learn of a local legend about a glowing dog. (ii) They find a skull and skeleton treated with a glowing substance. (iii) They observe it in the moonlight and see its glowing mouth. (iv) They find a hidden chamber where the hound is being held.	K1	CO1
	10	What is the name of the hardworking and respectable brother in the story <i>Ant and the Grasshopper</i> ? (i) William (ii) Jack (iii) Tom (iv) George	K2	CO1

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SECTION – B (35 Marks)

Answer **ALL** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** Marks

(5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Analyze how Elizabeth's relationship with Mr. Darcy changes from her first impression to her final acceptance of his proposal in <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> .	K2	CO1
		(OR)		
	11.b.	Explain the difference between love-based and security-based marriages in the novel <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> .		
2	12.a.	Apply your knowledge of the novel's central mystery to explain the symbolic significance of the <i>Woman in White</i> .	K3	CO2
		(OR)		
	12.b.	Illustrate how the character of Marian Halcombe challenges conventional Victorian expectations for women in <i>Woman in White</i> .		
3	13.a.	Differentiate between the motivations of Monsieur Defarge and Madame Defarge for their actions in the French Revolution in <i>The Tale of Two Cities</i> .	K4	CO2
		(OR)		
	13.b.	Analyze the parallelism and contrast between the characters of Charles Darnay and Sydney Carton in <i>The Tale of Two Cities</i> .		
4	14.a.	Compare and contrast the characters of Bernard Marx and Helmholtz Watson in <i>Brave New World</i> .	K5	CO2
		(OR)		
	14.b.	Examine the World State's views on love and family in <i>Brave New World</i> .		
5	15.a.	Critically assess the role of Dr. Watson in the investigation at Baskerville Hall in <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> .	K6	CO3
		(OR)		
	15.b.	Assess the character of the new vicar. Argue whether his decision to dismiss Albert Edward Foreman was an act of principled conviction or a rigid adherence to unnecessary rules in Maugham's <i>The Verger</i> .		

SECTION –C (30 Marks)

Answer **ANY THREE** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** Marks

(3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Evaluate Jane Austen's portrayal of Elizabeth Bennet in <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> as a progressive woman in the context of 19th-century society. Do you think Elizabeth challenges or conforms to the societal expectations of her time? Justify.	K5	CO2
2	17	Critically evaluate Collins's use of multiple narrators in <i>Woman in White</i> . Does the shifting perspective strengthen the novel's credibility, or does it complicate the truth? Support your view with evidence.	K5	CO2
3	18	Elaborate the themes of Sacrifice and redemption from the novel "The Tale of two Cities".	K6	CO3
4	19	Suppose John, the "Savage," survives and decides to reform the World State. Propose the first major change he would implement, and justify how it could reshape society while staying true to Huxley's themes in <i>Brave New World</i> .	K6	CO3
5	20	If <i>The Red</i> by William Somerset Maugham were retold from the old captain's point of view, how would the story change? Write a short version.	K6	CO3