

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(Fourth Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH LITERATURE

AN INTRODUCTION TO WORLD LITERATURE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

I Choose the most appropriate answer:

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	How old is Dante at the beginning of <i>Inferno</i> ? a. 45 b. 40 c. 35 d. 31	K1	CO1
	2	Who is the queen of Carthage, the city-state where Aeneas lands after the big storm in Book I? a. Venus b. Dido c. Cassandra d. Helen	K2	CO1
2	3	What is the name of the boy who is revealed to be Dusyanta's son in the story? a. Puru b. Bhima c. Sharadvat d. Sarvadamana	K1	CO2
	4	Vemana Satakam was originally written in _____. a. Tamil b. Sanskrit c. Telugu d. Kannada	K2	CO2
3	5	What social class is prominently featured in the novel 'Mother'? a. Clergy b. Aristocrat c. Bourgeoisie d. Proletariat	K1	CO3
	6	What does Gregor try to prevent from being taken from his room? a. A picture b. A sofa c. A wardrobe d. A cocoon	K2	CO3
4	7	The novel <i>Waiting</i> spans from the _____ in China. a. 1960s to the 1980s b. 1950s to the 1960s c. 1980s to the 1990s d. 1940s to the 1950s	K1	CO4
	8	Which year was <i>Afterlives</i> was written? a. 2010 b. 2017 c. 2020 d. 2015	K2	CO4
5	9	Who saves the English patient from the burning plane? a. An angry army officer b. Hana c. An unknown good Samaritan d. Nomadic Bedouins	K1	CO5
	10	<i>Sila Nerangalil Sila Manithargal</i> is a novel by Jayakanthan that was adapted into a film in ____? a. 1977 b. 1970 c. 1973 d. 1972	K2	CO5

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

II Answer all the Questions in about 300 words each:-

(5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Examine how characters like Telemachus and the suitors introduced in <i>Odyssey</i> ? List the differences among the suitors.	K4	CO3
		(OR)		
	11.b.	Compare and contrast Achilles and Aeneas' motivations.		
2	12.a.	Examine the relationship between nature and human beings in <i>Sakuntalam</i> .	K4	CO3
		(OR)		
	12.b.	Examine how <i>Vemana Satakam</i> speak about "Nothing is permanent".		
3	13.a.	Explain the motives of Maxim Gorki's <i>Mother</i> .	K5	CO5
		(OR)		
	13.b.	Evaluate does Gregor transform into an insect?		
4	14.a.	Explain how does Afiya's life change after her brother Ilyas saves her from slavery in <i>After Lives</i> ?	K5	CO5
		(OR)		
	14.b.	Evaluate the character of Hua Kong.		
5	15.a.	Discuss how <i>The English Patient</i> related to postmodernism.	K6	CO2
		(OR)		
	15.b.	Discuss the plot of <i>Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal</i> .		

SECTION - C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

III Answer any THREE of the following in about 500 words each:-

(3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Discuss <i>Inferno</i> as an allegory.	K6	CO2
2	17	Analyse the characteristics of Madhavi.	K4	CO4
3	18	Evaluate the idea of Almustafa about marriage in <i>The Prophet</i> by Kahlil Gibran.	K5	CO5
4	19	Critically evaluate <i>Waiting</i> by Ha Jin.	K5	CO5
5	20	Analyse how <i>English Patient</i> follow a linear story structure. If not, how would you characterize the structure of <i>The English Patient</i> .	K4	CO4

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