

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(Fourth Semester)

Branch – **ENGLISH LITERATURE**

EXPLORING RECENT TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

(10 × 1 = 10)

I Choose the most appropriate answer:

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	Which character in the story, <i>Who Moved My Cheese?</i> resists change the most? a) Sniff b) Scurry c) Haw d) Hem	K1	CO1
	2	Name the author of <i>The Roaring Lambs</i> . a) Spencer Johnson b) Sreedhar Bebari c) Stephen R. Covey d) Robin Sharma	K1	CO1
2	3	Who is the main protagonist in <i>Before the Coffee Gets Cold</i> ? a) Fumiko b) Keiko c) Nagare d) Koji	K1	CO2
	4	Who is the protagonist of <i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i> ? a) Ged b) Vetch c) Ogion d) Jasper	K1	CO2
3	5	What event in <i>Persepolis</i> significantly impacts Marjane's childhood? a) The Iranian Revolution b) The Iran-Iraq War c) The Fall of the Berlin Wall d) The assassination of her father	K1	CO3
	6	How is the concept of the forest portrayed in Amruta Patil's "Aranyaka"? a) As a symbol of danger and destruction b) As a place of solitude and self-reflection c) As a setting for battles and conquests d) As a mystical realm inhabited by gods	K1	CO3
4	7	Why is Tris considered "Divergent" in the world of <i>Divergent</i> ? a) She has the ability to manipulate the simulations. b) She cannot be classified into just one faction. c) She possesses exceptional intelligence. d) She is an outsider from another world.	K1	CO4
	8	Who is the protagonist of <i>The Secret of the Nagas</i> ? a) Shiva b) Daksha c) Sati d) Brahaspati	K1	CO4
5	9	Name the protagonist of <i>The Boat People</i> . a) Mahindan b) Priya c) Kavan d) Jassim	K1	CO5
	10	How does Hà feel about her new life in the United States in <i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> ? a) She quickly adapts and feels at home b) She is confused and struggles to fit in c) She is excited about the new opportunities d) She dislikes the people she meets and wants to go back to Vietnam	K1	CO5

SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

II Answer the following questions in about 300 words each:

(5 × 7 = 35)

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Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Explain how <i>Who Moved My Cheese?</i> use the metaphor of “cheese” and the “maze” to represent life’s challenges, and why is this metaphor effective.	K2	CO1
	(OR)			
	11.b.	Evaluate the key ideas presented in <i>The Roaring Lambs</i> , and how do they encourage individuals to take action.		

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2	12.a.	Apply the themes of regret and second chances in <i>Before the Coffee Gets Cold</i> to real-life situations, and suggest how individuals can learn from their past mistakes while embracing the present.	K3	CO2
	(OR)			
	12.b.	Demonstrate the lessons Ged learns about power and balance in <i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i> to a real-world context, such as leadership or decision-making.		
3	13.a.	Outline the themes of identity and resistance presented in <i>Persepolis</i> to a modern context. How can Satrapi's exploration of cultural and personal identity help individuals today to navigate their own struggles with cultural assimilation and self-expression?	K3	CO3
	(OR)			
	13.b.	Illustrate the themes presented in <i>Aranyaka</i> be applied to contemporary societal issues such as environmental conservation and spiritual renewal.		
4	14.a.	Apply the concept of Divergence to real-world contexts. How might the idea of individuals possessing multiple traits or qualities be beneficial in today's society? Discuss potential challenges and advantages.	K3	CO4
	(OR)			
	14.b.	Operate how the themes of leadership and moral ambiguity in <i>The Secret of the Nagas</i> be applied to contemporary leadership situations in real life with examples.		
5	15.a.	Analyze the character of Mahindan in <i>The Boat People</i> to real-world scenarios and discuss how his journey highlights the challenges and resilience of refugees in seeking asylum.	K4	CO5
	(OR)			
	15.b.	Examine how the theme of identity is portrayed through the protagonist, Hà, in <i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> . How does her journey reflect the challenges of adapting to a new culture after fleeing Vietnam.		

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

III Answer any THREE questions in about 500 words each:

(3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Interpret the principles from <i>Who Moved My Cheese?</i> to modern workplace challenges, and propose some strategies that the organizations can implement to foster adaptability and innovation.	K4	CO1
2	17	Examine the character development of Ged in <i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i> . How does his journey of self-discovery and the theme of balance contribute to the novel's exploration of power, identity, and morality?	K4	CO2
3	18	Analyze how <i>Persepolis</i> critiques the intersections of personal freedom, religious ideology, and gender roles, and the ways in which these elements influence Marjane Satrapi's character development.	K4	CO3
4	19	Categorize the portrayal of the Nagas in <i>The Secret of the Nagas</i> , analyzing how their representation challenges societal norms and prejudices in the story.	K4	CO4
5	20	Identify the emotional and psychological challenges faced by Hà in <i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> , and evaluate how her experiences of displacement and identity transformation shape her development throughout the novel.	K4	CO5

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