

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2018
(Third Semester)

Branch - ENGLISH

BRITISH LITERATURE - III

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

PART -A

SECTION - A

I Annotate the following passages in about 150 words each (5 x6 = 30)

- 1 a Shepherds had met him on the Hurst in spring;
At some lone alehouse in the Berkshire moors.
On the warm ingle-bench, the smock-frock's boors
Had found him seated at their entering.

OR

- b Master - a ...Cosimo of the Medici,
I' the house that caps the comer. Boh! you were best!
Remember and tell me, the day you're hanged,
How you affected such a gullet's - gripe!
But you, sir, it concerns you that your knaves
Pick up a manner nor discredit you :

- 2 a All action is for the sake of some end, and rules of action, it seems
natural to suppose, must take their whole character and colour from the
end to which they are subservient.

OR

- b I attempt to enter into the philosophical grounds which can be given for
assenting to the utilitarian standard, I shall offer some illustrations of
the doctrine itself; with the view of showing more clearly what it is,
distinguishing it from what it is not, and disposing of such of the
practical objections to it as either originate in, or are closely connected
with, mistaken interpretations of its meaning.

- 3 a Is this young man to be ground to pieces under this machine for an act
which, at the worst, was one of weakness? Is he to become a member
of the luckless crews that man those dark, ill-starred ships called
prisons?

OR

- b It was the best I could get, but I never made more than ten shillings a
week, buying my own cotton and working all day; I hardly ever got to
bed till past twelve. I kept at it for nine months.

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SECTION -B

II Write short notes on the following :

4 a Describe the circumstances that led Henchard to auction his wife.

OR

b Draw a pen portrait of David Copperfield.

5 a How did Silas Marner lose his gold coins?

OR

b Bring out the supernatural elements in *Wuthering Heights*.

PART - B

Write an essay on any FIVE of the following

(5 x 9 = 45)

6 Examine ‘ *The Scholar Gypsy* ’ as a poem on the theme of quest.

7 Trace reasons for J.S Mill writing the treatise *Utilitarianism*.

8 Consider *Justice* as a commentary upon the administration of criminal law in England during Galsworthy’s time.

9 Discuss the rise and fall of Henchard in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*

10 Consider *Wuthering Heights* as a tale of two loves.

11 Bring out the Pre - Raphaelite elements in the prescribed poems.

12 Examine *The Playboy of the Western World* as a dark comedy.

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