

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2017
(Fourth Semester)

Branch - ENGLISH

FICTION

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

PART - A

I Answer any five of the following questions in 200 words : (5 x 5 = 25)

- 1 What lessons did Jane Learn from Lowood?
What did she take from those experiences?
- 2 Compare and contrast the characters of Rochester and St.John.
- 3 Who is the true villain in 'The Woman in white', Count Fosco or Sir Percival? Why?
- 4 Laura Fairline symbolizes the image of the perfect Victorian woman- Justify.
- 5 Describe how Oliver was treated in sowerberrys.
- 6 What narrative techniques does Dickens use in 'Oliver Twist'?
- 7 Sketch the character of Higgs in'Erewhon'.
- 8 Describe two of the Erewhonian trials.
- 9 What major difference do you find between Aesop's version and Somerset Maugham's version of the story'The Ant and the Grasshopper'?
- 10 Why was the blue stone so precious and what happened to it?

SECTION - B

II Answer any five of the following questions in 400 words each (5 x 10 = 50)

- 1 a) In what ways is Jane Eyre influenced by the tradition of the Gothic novel?
OR
b) How does Jane Eyre challenge the class structure of british society?
- 2 a) Justify 'The woman in white' as a detective novel.
OR
b) Is 'The woman in white' a story of an offence against the laws? Justify your answer
- 3 a) How does the character of Oliver Twist exemplify the virtues of innocence and courage?
OR
b) Portray Fagin as a controversial villain.
- 4 a) Samuel Butler's 'Erewhon' is an anagram for 'nowhere' - Elucidate.
OR
b) Give a detail summary of Samuel Butler's satire 'Erewhon'
- 5 a) Comment on the plot of Somerset Maugham's 'The Verger'
OR
b) Sherlock Holmes in a way, is responsible for the murder in the story 'The Speckled Band' - Discuss.

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