

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)**

**BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2019  
(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 Brief the themes of love and independence in "Jane Eyre"?
- 2 Describe the character of Higgs in "Ere Whom".
- 3 How did Julia stoner die in the story "The adventure of the speckled band"?
- 4 How is Jane treated unjustly as a child at Gateshead?
- 5 Is Jagin truly a flat character, or is there any complexity in Dicken's Portrayal of him?
- 6 Why does Mrs Catherick in "The woman in White", allow her own daughter to be placed in an asylum, and how does she justify her actions?
- 7 Why does Mr. Bumble miss his cocked hat in "Oliver Twist"?
- 8 What is the custom of "Ere whom"?
- 9 Who is the true Villain in the novel "The Woman in White", sir Percival or count Josco? Substantiate your reasons.
- 10 What kind of a person was "the vergee"?

**PART -B**

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

- 1 a How does Bronte use plot to create a bond between Jane and the new character Mr. Rochester.  
OR  
b How does Bronte portray the life of Jane at Lo wood?
- 2 a Does the novel "The woman in White" carry any moral tone? Explain in detail.  
OR  
b What is unique about Marian's intelligence given the time period of "The Women in White".
- 3 a Give an account of the themes of Samuel Butler's novel "Ere whom",  
OR  
b What is utopia? How does Samuel Butler's novel "Ere Whom" present the theme of utopia.
- 4 a Examine the theme of suffering in "Olive Twist".  
OR  
b Discuss the portrait of the criminal justice system presented in "Olive Twist".
- 5 a Analyse the optimistic approach of Somerset Maugham in his short stories.  
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