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**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION**  
**Part III ----- English ---- Major**  
**PROSE**

**CODE: 16 ACCEN1**

**Time: Three hours**

**Maximum: 75 Marks**

**SECTION A—(10X2=20)**

**I. Answer ALL questions.**

1. What is the purpose of study according to Bacon?
2. Name the work of Milton which deals with the freedom of the press.
3. Which periodical was “The periodical Essays” published?
4. Comment on the aim of publishing “ The Spectator”.
5. What is Stone bench in Hazlitt’s essay “ On Going a Journey”?
6. Who is Alice Walker “Dream Children” ?
7. In which magazine ‘ An Apology for Idlers’ first published?
8. How does ignorance lead to understanding?
9. What is the significance of the title “On the Rule of the Road”?
10. Why does Lucas call coin a best find?

**SECTION B—(5 X5=25)**

**II. Answer ALL questions.**

11. (a) Write a note on Bacon’s Aphoristic style.  
Or  
(b) What does Milton say about good books in his essay ‘Books’?
12. (a) Comment on the Greek proverb “A great book is a great evil”?.  
Or  
(b) Sketch the character of Sir Roger de Coverley.
13. (a) Write a paragraph on Hazlitt’s relationship with Coleridge and Lamb.  
Or

(b) Sketch the character of Lamb's grandmother field in "Dream Children".

14. (a) How does R.L.Stevenson attack the busy people?.

Or

(b) According to Lynd "One of the greatest joys known Tto man is to take a flight into ignorance in search of knowledge". ---- Analyse.

15. (a) Comment on Gardiner's argument that 'liberty is not a personal affair but a social contracr'..

Or

(b) Explain how E.V.Lucas says that findings things is the greatest triumph.

### SECTION C — (3 X10 =30)

**III. Answer ANY THREE questions.**

16. Write a critical appreciation on Bacon's essay 'Of Studies'

17. Critically analyse Addison's view on the advantages and disadvantages of the writers of voluminous works.

18. Bring out the autobiographical elements present in Lamb's essay "Dream Children"

19, Write an essay on the arguments of R.L.Stevenson IN DEFENCE OF Idlers.

20 Explain how Lucas proves that 'finding things' is one of the purest of earthy joys.

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**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION**

**Part III – English – Major**

**SHORT STORIES**

**CODE: 16ACCEN 2**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks.**

**SECTION A- (10x2=20)**

**I. Answer ALL questions.**

1. How many fighting men did Alice see?
2. Give an account of the physical appearance of Alert Foreman.
3. How did Ratan nurse the postmaster when he fell ill?
4. Write a note on Muniyakka's husband.
5. What was the topic of discussion in the party by the young banker?
6. Define the term 'serfdom'.
7. Name the father of two children in 'The Snow- Image'.
8. Who is Dupin?
9. From which collection 'An Ideal Family' taken from?
10. Where does Julius Obi work?

**SECTION B- (5x5=25)**

**II. Answer ALL questions.**

11. (a) Why did the king stop Alice from advising him?  
Or  
(b) Why does the story present the earlier occupations of Foreman in the middle of the story?
12. (a) 'The postmaster felt like a fish out of water' in this remote village-Explain.  
Or  
(b) Sketch the character of Muniyakka.
13. (a) What was the bet agreed between the banker and the young lawyer?  
Or  
(b) What kind of person is Simeonovitch in Tolstoy's 'The Candle'?
14. (a) What 'moral' does the end of the story 'The Snow-Image' propose?  
Or  
(b) Why is the stolen letter important in Poe's short story?
15. (a) Sketch the character of Harold and his special charm.  
Or

(b) 'Julius Obi, the protagonist fails to choose between the 'faiths' of the west and the 'superstitions' of his native country' Analyse.

**SECTION- C- (3x10=30)**

**III. Answer any THREE questions.**

16. Write a critical appreciation on Somerset Maugham's story 'The Verger'.
17. Ratan is the most memorable character in the short story 'The Postmaster' -Justify.
18. What message does the story 'The Candle' convey?
19. Bring out the miraculous results present in Nathaniel Hawthorne's 'The Snow -Image'.
20. What is the central theme of 'An Ideal Family' by Katherine Mansfield?

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**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION**  
**Part III – English – ALLIED**  
**SOCIAL HISTORY OF ENGLAND**

**CODE: 16AACEN1**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks.**

**Section A – (10x2=20)**

**I. ALL questions.**

1. Who were the Tudors?
2. Define the term Reformation.
3. Who ascended the throne in 1625?
4. When does the Whig government fall?
5. Who was the last of the Stuart dynasty?
6. What was the last of the Stuart dynasty?
7. What was the famous book by Darwin in the Victorian age?
8. How many years did Queen Victoria rule over England?
9. Who was the father of the trade unionism movement in England?
10. What was the contribution of Sir William Beveridge to the society of England?

**Section B – (5x5=25)**

**II. Write either (a) or (b) of the following questions**

11 (a) Write a note on the development of printing press.

Or

(b) What was the role of the monasteries?

12 (a) Explain the significance of the second parliament(1625).

Or

(b) How does Charles I rule the country?

13 (a) Write a short note on Coffee House.

Or

(b) How were England and Scotland united?

14 (a) Discuss the role of Victorian poets.

Or

(b) Bring out the importance of Reform Bills.

15. (a) What was the impact of World war I.

Or

(b) Elaborate the welfare schemes implemented in the post war period.

**Section C- (3x10=30)**

**III. Answer any THREE questions**

16. Explain the role of the Churches and religion during the medieval England.

17. Discuss the causes and consequences of the civil war.

18. Write an essay on socio-political conditions in Queen Annie's England.

19. Verify the contribution of Victorian novelist to English Literature.

20. Twentieth century is an age of progress and disaster – Justify.

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**U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION**

**SEMESTER -I**

**PART –II ENGLISH**

**PROSE FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**

**CODE: 16ELCE1**

**Time: Three hours  
marks**

**Maximum :75**

**SECTION- A (10 X2 =20)**

**I. Answer the following questions in about one or two sentences each.**

1. How are the great conquerors glorified?
2. What and when did Margie write in her diary?
3. When was a way of writing big numbers found?
4. Name the fish that yield nourishing oil.
5. Why according to the author, do we say that love is felt in the heart?
6. What would be the preference of man after his basic needs are fulfilled by technology?
7. Why is the nameless man a Misfit in the worker's paradise?
8. What was the great discovery in the nineteenth century that came to the aid of the surgeons?
9. When and where did Swami Vivekananda speak?
10. What did the previous speaker of Swami Vivekananda say?

**SECTION – B (5 X5 =25)**

**II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph.**

11. a) Do you feel that people today are more civilized than the past?  
(or)  
b) Who found the real book? Why did it look like a curious object to the children?
12. a) What does Gamow say on infinity of all even and the infinity of all odd numbers?  
(or)  
b) What are various kinds Oil and their uses?

12. a) What does Morris observe in mothers in their holding of their babies?

(or)

b) what is the importance of robots in future?

13. a) Give an account of the change of attitude of the worker's in Paradise

(or)

b) Whose discovery saved millions of lives? What was that discovery?

15. a) what are the views of Hinduism put forth by Swami Vivekananda in the Response to welcome address?

(or)

b) What was the message Swami Vivekananda wants to convey through the story Frog-in-the -well?

### SECTION- C ( 3X 10= 30)

#### III. Answer any THREE of the following questions.

16. Describe the views of Joad on civilization and history.

17. What has Thornley to say about his article on Oil?

18. What are the observations and explanations on human behavior conveyed by Morris?

19. describe the relentless efforts of the scientists who have made surgery safe.

20. give an account of Swami Vivekananda's speech Response to Welcome at the Parliament of Religious.

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**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2016.**

**Part III – English – MAJOR**

**POETRY-I**

**CODE: 16ACCEN3**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks.**

**SECTION-A**

**I. Answer the following questions each in a sentence or two: 10x2=20**

1. How does Spenser praise his beloved?
2. How is the youth's beauty described in the 'Sonnet 18'?
3. What is the theme of the poem 'Go and Catch the Falling Star'?
4. How many speeches does the poem 'A Dialogue between the soul and the Body' consists of?
5. Who are the Muses in the poem Lycidas?
6. To whom did Milton owe his literary and Musical tastes?
7. How did the universe evolve according to Dryden?
8. Why does Pope consider himself blessed?
9. What were the thoughts of the village Preacher?
10. What are the common qualities among the Lamb, the child and the Christ?

**SECTION –B**

**5x5=25**

**II Answer all the questions**

11. a) How does the poet propose to immortalize his love in the poem 'One day I wrote her name'?
- (or)
- b) How is summer compared with the youth in 'Sonnet 18'?
12. a) Write a paragraph on the cynical attitude of Donne with reference to the poem 'Go and Catch the Falling Star'?
- (or)

b) Give on the account on the metaphysical element in the poem

‘A Dialogue between the soul and the Body’?

13. a) Define ‘True Fame’ in the words of Milton.

(or)

b) Critically analyse the corrupt clergy and the people.

14. a) Write a critical appreciation of ‘A Song of St. Cecilia’s Day’.

(or)

b) How does Pope seek to fulfill his basic needs in the solitary farm?.

15. a) What were the different approaches of the village preacher in dealing with the prisoners ?

(or)

b) How is the Lamb associated with Christ?.

### SECTION-C

3x10=30

#### III. Answer any three.

16. Write an essay on the theme and technical of Spenser’s Sonnet.

17. Critically appreciate Donne’s poem. “Go and Catch the Falling Star”

18. Discuss ‘Lycidas’ as a Pastoral elegy. ‘

19. According to Dryden ‘Evolution and Dissolution of the universe both accompanied by music- Analyse?’

20. “The Village Preacher as the complete humanitarian”- Discuss.

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**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2016.**

**Part III – English – MAJOR  
FICTION**

**CODE: 16ACCEN4**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks.**

**SECTION A – (10 X 2 = 20)**

**I. Answer All Questions.**

1. Who is Clara Peggotty ?
2. Why does Miss. Betsey refuse to take care of David ?
3. Name the captain in “Treasure Island” ?
4. Write about the character Silver.
5. What does Kurtz entrust Marlow ?
6. What is the lie told by Marlow at the end ?
7. Write about the pathetic elements in “Time Passes”.
8. Who is Macalister ?
9. Name the two regular activities mentioned in “Brave New World”.
10. What has John read ?

**SECTION B – (5 X 5 = 25)**

**II. Answer All Questions.**

11. a) Write an account of David’s life with the Micawbers.  
Or  
b) Sketch the character of Captain Smollet.
12. a) Describe briefly ‘My Sea Adventure’.  
Or

- b) Write about the elopement of Emily.
13. a) Give an account of Marlow's stay at the Central Station in "Heart of Darkness".  
Or  
b) Write about the death of Kurtz.
14. a) Describe the guests of the Ramsays.  
Or  
b) Sketch the character of Lily.
15. a) Give a short description of the Director in "Brave New World".  
Or  
b) Explain the relationship between Lenina and Henry Foster.

**SECTION C – (3 X 10 = 30)**

**III. Answer any THREE Questions.**

16. Trace the social background in "David Copperfield".
17. "Treasure Island" is a fantasy. Discuss.
18. "Heart of Darkness" reveals the honor and pity of human life. Discuss.
19. Critically analyze "To the Light House".
20. Sketch the character of John in "Brave New World".

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**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2016.**

**Part III – English – ALLIED**

**LITERARY FORMS**

**CODE: 16AACEN2**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks.**

**SECTION- A (10 X2 = 20)**

**I..Answer ALL questions**

1. What is Dramatic Monologue?
2. How does Petrarch divide his sonnets
3. What are the five chief measures or metres used by English poets?
4. Define Synecdoche.
5. What does the comedy of manners reflect?
6. What are the different types of the one-act play?
7. What is Autobiography?
8. What are aphoristic essays known for?
9. What does the word 'Picaro' mean?
10. Which is the central theme of a Gothic novel?

**SECTION-B (5X5= 25)**

**II. Answer all questions**

11. a) What are the distinguishing features of 'the ode'?  
(or)  
b) What is Sonnet? Trace its development.
12. a) Write the characteristic feature of 'Blank Verse'.  
(or)  
b) Give a brief account of 'Similie'.
13. a) what are the important qualities of drama?  
(or)  
b) What are the arguments for and against Tragic comedy?
14. a) Show the difference between earlier and modern biographies.  
(or)  
b) Trace the development of English essay.

15 a) what are the main characteristics of a detective novel?

(or)

b) Write a paragraph on the social and proletarian novel.

**SECTION –C (3 X10=30)**

**III. Answer any THREE questions.**

16. Describe the major characteristics of Elegy.

17. Write an essay on ‘figures of Speech’.

18. Give a detailed account on ‘Comedy of Humours’.

19. Trace the origin and development of the critical essay.

20. Discuss the characteristic of the stream of consciousness novel.

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**U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION**

**SEMESTER -II**

**Part II- English**

**POETRY FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**

**CODE: 16ELCE2**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks.**

**SECTION- A (10 X2 = 20)**

**Section A**

**I. Answer all the questions.**

1. From which play “All the World’s a stage “is taken?
2. What does the “Yellow wood” mean in “ The Road Not Taken” ?
3. What is Baiae’s bay in ‘Ode to the West Wind’?
4. Define the title of the poem ‘La Belle Dame Sans Merci’.
5. Who is telemachus?
6. Why did the duke stop all smiles?
7. What does the example of Helen show in ‘A Prayer for my Daughter’?
8. How do the opening lines build up the atmosphere of ‘Journey of the Magi’?
9. What is the significance of the three-line epitaph in the beginning of “The Unknown Citizen”?
10. What did the holy man do to tame the poison?

**Section B (5X5= 25)**

**II. Answer all questions**

11. a) Why is the world, called a ‘stage’?  
Or  
b) What does Robert Frost mean by ‘way leads on to way’?
12. a) What qualities of the west wind does the poet want in himself?  
Or  
b) Describe the appearance of the Knight.
13. a) Critically analyze Ulysses’ feeling of dissatisfaction and restlessness.  
Or  
b) Sketch the character of Duke.

14. a) What qualities does Yeats want his daughter to develop?  
Or  
b) Explain what the phrase 'three trees on the low sky' means.
15. a) Why is the unknown citizen called a saint?  
Or  
b) How did the mother react to the scorpion bite?

**Section C (3X10=30)**

**III. Answer any THREE questions.**

16. How has Shakespeare effectively described the 'Seven stages of man' through the words of Jacques?
17. What is the message Shelly want to convey through his phrase 'If winter comes can spring be far behind'?
18. Consider 'Ulysses' as a dramatic monologue.
19. Describe W.B.Yeats as a father.
20. W.H.Auden's 'The Unknown Citizen' is a satire on the government's control over its citizens- Elaborate with examples.

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