

19. (a) Write a note on the central motif of the play *Man and Superman*.

Or

- (b) What role does Sam play in *The Home Coming*?

20. (a) How does Dickens build a connection between Pip and Magwitch?

Or

- (b) On what grounds does Susan decide to seek out her long-gone and formerly unloving past husband?

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30)

Answer any THREE questions.

21. Consider Matthew Arnold's "The Scholar Gipsy" a pastoral elegy.
22. Attempt a critique of W. B. Yeats' poem "The Second Coming."
23. Discuss how Ruskin proves that women are more superior than men.
24. How does Harold Pinter present family relationships in crisis in *The Home Coming*?
25. Discuss the role of chance and coincidence in Thomas Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

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English

MODERN LITERATURE – IV (1832 – 1945)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

- I. (A) Choose the correct answer. (5 × 1 = 5)
1. What does Rabbi Ben Ezra suggest is the best time of life?
- (a) Death (b) Youth
- (c) Old Age (d) Marriage
2. What book of the Bible does the term "The Second Coming" originate from?
- (a) Deuteronomy (b) Genesis
- (c) Exodus (d) Revelation
3. Which woman character of Shakespeare is weak, according to Ruskin?
- (a) Portia (b) Cordellia
- (c) Lady Macbeth (d) Goneril

4. George Bernard Shaw describes which of the following characters as "more than a respectable man: he is marked out as a president of highly respectable men"?
 (a) Jack Tanner (b) Mr. Whitefield
 (c) Octavius Robinson (d) Roebuck Ramsden
5. In what region of England are the marshes of the novel *Great Expectations* found?
 (a) Kent (b) Sussex
 (c) Wessex (d) Gloucestershire
- (B) Fill in the blanks. (5 × 1 = 5)
6. "The Lotus-Eaters" is based on a story from _____.
7. The soldier in "Strange Meeting" says there is no cause to _____.
8. Dante was fairly well-educated. He was intelligent and hard-working, and so rose to be one of the Chief Magistrates of _____.
9. Max describes Jessie as _____.
10. Henchard sells his wife to a _____.
- II. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each. (5 × 2 = 10)
11. What is the poem "The Scholar Gipsy" about?
12. What does the term Datta Dayadhvam and Damyata signify in "What the Thunder Said"?

13. Why, according to Ruskin the woman is called the 'prince of peace'?
14. Whom does Ann's father nominate as caretakers of Ann in the will?
15. How does Henchard react to his deed of the previous night on the morning after?

PART B --- (5 × 5 = 25)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Write a note on Browning's optimism.
 Or
 (b) How does Tennyson express the philosophy of inaction in the choric song of "Lotus Eaters"?
17. (a) How is the falcon depicted in the poem "The Windhover"? What emotions does this poem communicate?
 Or
 (b) What is the message of the thunder as revealed from "What the Thunder Said"?
18. (a) Write a note on Ruskin's views on women in literature.
 Or
 (b) Enumerate upon E.M. Forster's views on the book that influenced him.