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# M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, May 2015

### (ENGLISH)

### (SECOND YEAR)

#### 610: TWENTIETH CENTURY ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time: Three hours Maximum: 100 marks

#### SECTION-A

(5×8=40)

# Answer any five of the following

### I. Annotate the following passages:

- 1. a) I hail the superhuman;
  - I call it death-in-life and life -in-death
  - b) Sweet Thames, run softly till I end my song
    - Sweet Thames, run softly, for I speak not loud or long
- 2. a) By mourning tongues
  - The death of the poet was kept from his poems.
  - b) As I rode to sleep the owls were bearing the farm away
    - All the moon long I heard, blessed among stables, the nightjars
    - Flying with the ricks, and the horses
    - Flashing in to the dark
- 3. a) There is a great deal, in the writing of poetry, which must be conscious and deliberate.
  - b) The beauty of the poem is the flowering of the whole plant, and needs the stalk, the leaf, and the hidden roots.
- 4. a) It was the one way of escaping from, everything- a sort of unholy preisthole of being animals to one another.
  - b) When I'm dead my people will live in freedom and peace and remember my name, no-venerate it.

### II. Write short answers to the following questions:

- 5. a) Show how Tiresias is the centre of *The Waste Land*.
  - b) How does Ted Hughes bring out the contrast between the living pig and the slaughtered one?
- 6. a) How does Dylan Thomas revive the excitement and innocence of childhood in "Fern Hill"?

- b) What tempts Larkin to enter the Church?
- 7. a) How, according to Cleanth Brooks, does irony become a principle of structure?
  - b) Comment on Forster's remarks on the truth about English character?
- 8. a) Why is Jimmy in Look Back in Anger angry?
  - b) Comment on the ending of *The Birthday Party*

#### SECTION-B

 $(3 \times 20 = 60)$ 

# III. Answer any THREE of the following questions:

9. a) How does the old man in "Sailing to Byzantium " Solve the problem of age?

(OR)

- b) Show how Thom Gunn's poems illustrate the role of human will and freedom.
- 10. a) Examine "In Memory of W.B Yeats" as a dignified and powerful tribute to the memory of W.B.Yeats.

(OR)

- b) The most distinctive feature of Spender's poetry is the use of imagery drawn from the industrial culture of the West-Discuss.
- 11. a) What, according to Eliot is the right relationship between tradition and individual talent?

(OR)

- b) Discuss Huxley's views on the various form of inequality.
- 12. a) Examine Look Back in Anger as a dark comedy.

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- b) In Lear, Bond provides a picture of a family that has disintegrated-Discuss.
- 13. a) Show how Lord Jim may be regarded as Conrad's *Hamlet*.

(OR)

b) Compare and contrast the psychological development of Ralph and Jack in *Lord of the Flies*.

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