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# M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION- OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2017 SEMESTER 3 : ENGLISH

COURSE: 16P3ENGT14; MODES OF FICTION

(For Regular - 2016 admission)

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

### Section A Answer any 6 (3 marks each)

- 1. Analyse the character of Papa Eugene.
- 2. With 'the old clothes of his father', what does Rip Van Winkle. Jr signify in "Rip Van Winkle" by Washington Irving?
- 3. How does racial and ethnic sentiments of the characters drive the plot of "The Garden of Forking Paths"?
- 4. Why did Tomas fear metaphor?
- 5. Who is Uzzi Tuzzi in *If On a Winter's Night a Traveller*?
- 6. What does Kundera say about the birth of the modern era and the novel?
- 7. Write a note on 'infinite regresses'.
- 8. Explain the significance of dancing dolls in Ellison's novel.
- 9. The Possessed as a historical document.

6 x 3 (18)

### Section B Answer any 5 (6 marks each)

- 10. Analyse the different types of love that Janie Experiences in the novel.
- 11. Examine death as a central theme in "The House of the Famous Poet".
- 12. The myth of Henry Hudson in "Rip Van Winkle" by Washington Irving.
- 13. "One doesn't know the sorts of things one has stored in one's own house". Explain with reference to "The Country Doctor".
- 14. Examine the characters trapped in the boat in "The Open Boat".
- 15. Comment on José Arcadio Buendía as an Adam figure.
- 16. Comment on the connection between Ka, Kar, Kars.
- 17. Write a note on Quentin's session.

## Section C Answer any 1 (12 marks each)

- 18. Discuss the *Daughter of fortune* as a young woman's incredible journey from innocence to wisdom.
- 19. Consider Beckett, Borges and Nabokov as writers who rediscovered the artifices of language and literature.
- 20. Consider *Invisible Man* as a black man's search for identity.

1 x 12 (12)

#### Section D Answer any 1 (15 marks each)

- 21. How does the short stories "Rip Van Winkle" by Washington Irving and "The Garden of Forking Paths" by Borges deal with the question of authenticity of history?
- 22. The novels sole reason for existence is to keep" the world of life" under a permanent light and protest us from the "forgetting of being". Explain in the light of the prescribed texts.
- 23. Write an essay on the diffrent modes of narration employed in novels with special emphasis on the prescribed texts.

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