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# M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - APRIL 2018 SEMESTER 2 : ENGLISH

COURSE: 16P2ENGT08; THE POSTMODERN AND BEYOND

(For Regular - 2017 Admission & Supplementary - 2016 Admission)

Time : Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

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

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- 1. What are the three quantum leaps that Ernest Mandel outlines in the evolution of machinary under capital?
- Obession with death in Stevie Smith's poetry
- 3. Themes of the poem "Speak Old Parrot"
- 4. Sexual Imagery in Carol Ann Duffy's poetry
- 5. Charecterisation of Fevvers
- 6. How does Mcwan depict prison life in Atonement?
- 7. Anger and protest in Look Back in Anger.
- 8. Comment on Lucky's dumbness in Waiting for Godot.
- 9. Bond's views on social morality.

 $(3 \times 6 = 18)$ 

# Section B Answer any 5 (6 marks each)

- 10. What is Post-Marxism?
- 11. Techniques used in the poem "Not Waving But Drowning"
- 12. Who is Eva Kay in The Buddha of Suburbia?
- 13. Self refexivity in Flaubert's Parrot
- 14. Dinner scene at Tallis house
- 15. Waiting for Godot is an endeavour to name the unnamable. Comment.
- 16. How does *Lear* become a critique of oppressive social institutions?
- 17. Portrayal of family disintegration in *Chicken Soup with Barley*.

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$ 

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

- 18. Examine the metrical patterning and orderliness of Elizabeth Jenning's poem "Child Born Dead"
- 19. Comment on the political dimensions of the novel *Atonement*.
- 20. Examine Look Back in Anger as an attack on Post industrial capitalist society.

 $(12 \times 1 = 12)$ 

#### Section D

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21. "Postmodernism is an incredulity towards metanarratives". Explain it in the context of *Atonement, Flaubert's Parrot* and *The Buddha of Suburbia* 

- 22. The "Theatre of the Absurd" tries to achieve unity between its basic assumptions and form. Discuss with reference to works prescribed for study.
- 23. Write an essay on how the writers prescribed for your study express a deep concern with violence prevalent in society through their works?

 $(15 \times 1 = 15)$