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ASSIGNMENT FOR INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

SEMESTER II

ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-2025 (CBCS mode)]

M.A. SEMESTER-II EXAMINATION 2025

Instructions regarding Internal Assessment preparation and submission:

- i. All answers should be handwritten;
- ii. Internal assessment should be arranged as follows:
 - a. Cover page (to be downloaded from the website);
 - b. Payment receipt for admission to Semester II;
 - c. Copy of ID card (self-attested);
 - d. Question paper;
 - e. Contents/Index;
 - f. Answers to one question each from CC 2.1 to CC 2.5.
- iii. IAs to be submitted to respective LSCs on or before the date specified on the university website.
- iv. The completed answer script (containing items (ii [a] ii [f] and answers to five questions one from each CC) should be **STITCHED TOGETHER** and **NOT stapled or submitted in a channel file**. Stapled or channel-filed assessments will be rejected.

No IA submission will be accepted after the specified date.



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Answer any ONE question from each course (CC). Answer for each question should not exceed 4 pages.

CC 2.1 - Early 20th Century British Literature

(1x10=10)

- 1. Comment on the themes of the poem "Byzantium" by W.B. Yeats.
- 2. Critically comment on the theme of intertextuality in T.S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*.
- 3. Is *The Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* a perfect Bildungsroman? Argue.

CC 2.2 - Late 20th Century British Literature

(1x10=10)

- 1. Justify the title of the play *Look Back in Anger*.
- 2. Why does *The Birthday Party* have a chronological structure? Give reasons.
- 3. Are the poems "Hawk Roosting" and "Hawk in the Rain" complementary to each other? Substantiate.

CC 2.3 - The Post Modern and the Beyond

(1x10=10)

- 1. What are the dominant themes used by Seamus Heaney in "Digging"?
- 2. Discuss Plath's *The Bell Jar* as a feminist work.
- 3. How does the setting of *The Zoo Story* contribute to its plot? Use textual examples.

CC 2.4 - Indian English Literature

(1x10=10)

- 1. Analyse the character of Rosie in R.K. Narayan's *The Guide*.
- 2. Write a detailed note on the motifs used by Jayanta Mahapatra in his poems.
- 3. Mahesh Dattani's On a Muggy Night in Mumbai is a key text in the discourse of queer studies. Discuss.

CC 2.5 - Modern World Literatures

(1x10=10)

- 1. What are some of the common motifs that Pablo Neruda deals with, especially in his earlier poems?
- 2. In Pirandello's play *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, where does the play stop and its reception begin?
- 3. Discuss the historical situations that led to the play We Can't Pay! We Won't Pay!