2013

ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper: 4.2

(English Poetry and Fiction : Modernism and After)

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION-I

1. Answer the following questions:

1×4=4

- (a) What does Dylan Thomas mean by the phrase 'in a year's turning'?
- (b) Who is the armorer in The Shield of Achilles?
- (c) What does the colour 'green' in the last stanza of Easter 1916 denote?
- (d) "By god, the old man could handle a spade."

Who is the 'old man' in the above line?

2. Answer the following questions:

 $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) Which two poems, prescribed in your syllabus, have the common character of a 'blacksmith'?
- (b) Explain briefly the simile/conceit with which The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock opens.
- (c) What is Toner's bag' in Digging?
- **3.** Explain, with reference to the context, any two of the following: $5\times2=10$
 - (a) And there could I marvel my birthday
 Away but the weather turned around.
 And the true
 Joy of the long dead child sang burning
 In the sun
 - (b) Between my finger and my thumbThe squat pen rests.I'll dig with it.
 - (c) What their foes liked to do was done,
 their shame
 Was all the worst could wish; they
 lost their pride
 And died as men before their
 bodies died.

- **4.** Answer any two of the following: $10 \times 2=20$
 - (a) Write a critical appreciation of either Skunk or Forge.
 - (b) From your reading of Warming her Pearls, what kind of an idea do you form of the two women? What could be the relationship(s) between the two women? Justify your answer.
 - (c) Discuss Yeats as a poet in the light of your reading of Easter 1916 and The Lake Isle of Innisfree.
 - (d) Critically discuss The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock as a typical modernist poem.

SECTION-II

5. Answer the following questions:

1×6=6

- (a) Who is the journalist in Ragtime?
- (b) What, according to Barth, is one of the pet themes of Barges?
- (c) A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man is a bildungsroman.

(State whether True/False)

- (d) In The Secret Sharer, the narrator's ship was anchored at the head of the Gulf of —.(Fill in the blank)
- (e) To which destination does Bill ultimately drive the party of Freudians in Ragtime?
- (f) Which character of A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man also appears in Joyce's magnum opus Ulysses?
- **6.** Answer the following questions: 2+2=4
 - (a) What are the three categories of artists according to Barth?
 - (b) Write a very brief note on Coalhouse Walker Jr.
- 7. Write short notes on any two of the following: $5\times 2=10$
 - (a) Any three historical characters/figures in Ragtime
 - (b) Epiphany in A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man
 - (c) Barth's idea of 'exhaustion' in literature

8. Answer any *two* of the following: $10 \times 2 = 20$

- Do you think that the title The Secret (a) Sharer is appropriate for Conrad's story? Discuss.
- What do you understand by 'stream of (b) consciousness' technique? Explain its use in A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.
- (c) Discuss Ragtime as either a historical reconstruction of the past or an attack on the American society.

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