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## VIMALA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), THRISSUR SECOND SEMESTER M.A DEGREE EXAMINATION APRIL 2017 VCCSS-English

**VPEG2C03: TWENTIETH CENTURY LITERATURE UP TO WORLD WAR II** 

Time: 3 hours

# Max. Weightage: 36

## Section A

Answer **all** the following questions in a word, phrase or a sentence Each question carries 1/2 weightage

- 1. Which poem of Hopkins is dedicated to Christ?
- 2. What did Stephen's father call him as a child?
- 3. What is "Spiritus Mundi"?
  - 4. 'Shebeen' is a -----
  - 5. Who is the leading spiritualist according to Virginia Woolf?
  - 6. What does the Russian trader leave downriver for the approaching steamer?
  - 7. Why does Paul reject Miriam?
  - 8. Why does Louka tell Nicola that he has the soul of a servant?

(8x1/2 = 4 weightage)

## **Section B**

Write a short note each in a paragraph of 150 words on any **three** of the following:

Each question carries 2 weightage

- 9. Major themes in the play Arms and the Man
- 10. The chorus in Conrad's Heart of Darkness.
- 11. Significance of the title "A Game of Chess" in The Wasteland.
- 12. The tempters in the Murder in the Cathedral
- 13. Autobiographical elements in D H Lawrence's Sons and Lovers.
- 14. Memory and nostalgia in "Among School Children"

(3x2=6 weightage)

### Section C

Annotate any three of the following. Each question carries 2 Weightage

- 15. Winter kept us warm, covering Earth in forgetful snow, feeding A little life with dried tubers.
- 16. All that man is,

All mere complexities,

The fury and the mire of human veins.

- 17. The blood dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere The ceremony of innocence is drowned.
- 18. Labour is blossoming or dancing where The body is not bruised to pleasure soul....
- 19. And still she cried, and still the world pursues, "Jug jug" to dirty ears.
- 20. O chestnut tree, great-rooted blossomer Are you the leaf, the blossom or the bole?

(3x2=6 weightage)

## **Section D**

Write essays on any **four** of the following in 450 words, choosing one from each section: Each question carries 5 Weightage

## Part A

- 21. Comment on Yeats' engagement with the relationship between the natural and the artificial with reference to "Byzantium".
- 22. Comment on Auden's use of myth in "The Shield of Achilles"
- 23. Comment on the mystical dimensions of "The Windhover".

#### Part B

- 24. What is the source, irony and significance of the title of the play *Arms and the Man*?
- 25. Substantiate your reasons to consider Murder in the Cathedral as a tragedy.
- 26. What is the significance of the title The Playboy of the Western World?

## Part C

- 27. Analyze Stephen's conflicts which lead him to choose the life of an artist in *A Portrait*...
- 28. Write an essay exploring the allegorical meaning of the journey depicted in *Heart of Darkness*.
- 29. Explain Paul's religious values in Sons and Lovers.

#### Part D

- 30. Examine the major trends and influences that shaped early twentieth century drama.
- 31. Examine the use of myths in 20<sup>th</sup> century English poetry.
- 32. Discuss the treatment of love in modern British fiction.

(4x5=20 Weightage)