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N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) : POLLACHI

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS : MAY 2026

M.A ENGLISH LLITERATURE

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER-II

TIME : 3 HOURS

25PEL206 -TWENTIETH CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE–I

SECTION – A

(10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Whom does Felix curse?

a) The speaker b) His parents c) God d) His so

2. Who is "known to be the wisest woman in Europe, with a wicked pack of cards"?

a) The typist b) Mrs. Porter c) Cleopatra d) Madame Sosostriis

3. Why does Joan wear armor and male attire?

a) To protect herself in warfare and be seen as an equal b) To defy her voices

c) To hide her identity d) To please the Church

4. Why does Gortsby initially think the young man is lying?

a) He saw him steal it. b) He cannot produce the cake of soap.

c) The young man was crying. d) He recognized him from a newspaper

5. Marlow first encounters Jim:

a) On board a ship b) In a courtroom c) At the Malabar House d) In Patusan

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES

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6. How is the falcon depicted in "The Windhover"?

7. What is the main idea of Yeats' "The Second Coming"?

8. Who is the Earl of Warwick in "Saint Joan"?

9. What condition does Burton set for giving the man a job?

10. How does Jude react to the rejection letters from university heads?

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SECTION – B**(5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)**

11.a) How does "The Windhover" by Hopkins depict a journey from the mundane to the spiritual?

(Or)

b) Bring out the impact of technology on the perception of war as presented in the poem "Here War is Simple".

12.a) How does the poem "The Hollow Men" convey a sense of spiritual desolation? **(Or)**

b) How does the poem "Easter 1916" portray nationalism?

13.a) Explore the central conflict between Joan's individual conscience and the authority of the Catholic Church.

(Or)

b) Discuss the function of the Epilogue, and how does this scene affect the overall tone and thematic message of "Saint Joan"?

14.a) Bring out the irony of the title "A Friend in Need" in relation to the actions of Edward Hyde Burton.

(Or)

b) How does Jerome use exaggeration and ridiculous situations to create comedy in "Bicycles"?

15. a) How does the Church interfere with personal happiness and ethical living in "Jude the Obscure"? **(Or)**

b) Evaluate the role of Jewel in Jim's life.

SECTION – C**(5 X 8 = 40 MARKS)**

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

16. a) Analyze the relationship between nature and divinity in "Pied Beauty," specifically how the poet argues that varied creation reflects God's unchanging nature. **(Or)**

b) How does Auden use irony to critique modern, conformist society in "The Unknown Citizen"?

17. a) Compare the symbolic meaning of water in "Death by Water" and "What the Thunder Said," particularly in relation to the themes of sterility and rebirth. **(Or)**

b) Write a critical appreciation of W.B. Yeats's "The Second Coming."

18. a) Give a critical analysis of Joan of Arc's character in Shaw's "Saint Joan"? **(Or)**

b) Shaw famously stated that "Saint Joan" is a "tragedy without villains". Analyze this claim.

19.a) Analyze the character of Norman Gortsby. How does his cynical, judgmental nature lead to his eventual downfall and gullibility? **(Or)**

b) In what extent W.W. Jacobs' "The Monkey's Paw" focus on themes of greed, fate, and the consequences of rash desires?

20.a) How does Hardy critique the Victorian institution of marriage through the relationships of Jude/Arabella and Jude/Sue? **(Or)**

b) Trace the use of light and darkness imagery throughout "Lord Jim", particularly in relation to Jim's internal guilt and his hiding in Patusan.
