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(AUTONOMOUS)

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M.A.(Eng) END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS APRIL - 2023

SEMESTER - II

20PELCT2005 - The Modern Age

Total Duration : 2 Hrs. 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions ($6 \times 5 = 30$ Marks)

1. Define the role of irony in 'The Unknown Citizen' to critique the conformity and dehumanization of the modern world.
2. Sketch the character of Joan and his views about religion, politics and gender roles in the medieval society in the play Saint Joan.
3. Relate how T.S. Eliot symbolizes the modern world as fragmented, chaotic and spiritually bankrupt in his poem 'The Waste Land'.
4. Describe the role of choices made by the characters in 'After Twenty years' and how it brought changes in their lives.
5. Explain the changes encountered by Albert after losing his job in 'The Verger'.
6. Predict the significance of the characters Hamm and Clov and how their respective roles contributed to portray the boarder themes of the play Endgame.
7. Illustrate some interior monologues in Mrs. Dalloway and explain how it helps in setting up the tone and narration of the novel.
8. Justify in what ways does Forster challenge traditional societal norms and values in his essay, 'What I believe'.

Section C

I - Answer any **TWO** questions ($2 \times 10 = 20$ Marks)

9. Explain the significance of the Oceania government's use of propaganda and surveillance as tools of control in 1984 by George Orwell.
10. Relate how does W.B Yeats express his idea of art is a timeless and enduring form of existence that transcends the limitations of the physical world in the poem 'Sailing to Byzantium'.

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11. Distinguish the relationship of Gabriel with his wife Gretta and how it reflects the tension between Irish Nationalism and British Imperialism in 'The Dead' by James Joyce.
12. Judge the idea of Robert Lynd in 'The Pleasure of Ignorance' that Ignorance can sometimes be a form of bliss.

II - Compulsory question ($1 \times 10 = 10$ Marks)

13. Examine Jimmy Porter's character from Look Back in Anger as a representation of the disillusionment and frustration faced by the British Working Class after the World War II.
