



**2024/TDC (CBCS)/EVEN/SEM/
ENGHCC-602T/294**

TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam., 2024

ENGLISH

(6th Semester)

Course No. : ENGHCC-602T

(Popular Literature)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

**1. Answer any two from the following
questions : 2×2=4**

(a) What, according to Leslie Fiedler, is the main reason for some books to be considered 'popular literature' and other 'serious literature'?

(b) How have, in the opinion of Fiedler, technological advancements affected the distribution and classification of literature?



(2)

- (c) Name the three kinds of 'popular literature' Fiedler mentions in the essay, *Towards a Definition of Popular Literature*.

2. Answer any one from the following questions : 10

- (a) Discuss Leslie Fiedler's perspective on the historical and cultural forces that have shaped the distinction between 'high' literature and 'popular' literature.
- (b) Analyze the key features of 'popular literature' with reference to Fiedler's *Towards a Definition of Popular Literature*.

UNIT—II

3. Answer any two from the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) What does Alice pass through to begin her adventure in *Through the Looking-Glass*? What does Alice discover when she first enters the world?
- (b) Mention two memorable characters Alice meets in *Through the Looking-Glass*. How does Alice interact with them?

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- (c) What is the title that Alice achieves at the end of *Through the Looking-Glass*? How does she achieve it?

4. Answer any one from the following questions : 10

- (a) Analyze the significance of the 'chess' motif in *Through the Looking-Glass*.
- (b) Discuss the central theme(s) of Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking-Glass*.

UNIT—III

5. Answer any two from the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) On which birthday does Harry Potter learn that he is a wizard? Who gives Harry his first-ever birthday cake?
- (b) Name Harry Potter's two best friends at Hogwarts.
- (c) Name the four houses of Hogwarts. Which house is Harry Potter sorted into?



(4)

6. Answer any one from the following questions : 10

- (a) Analyze the character of Harry Potter with reference to *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*.
- (b) What is the function of 'magic' in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*? Discuss.

UNIT—IV

7. Answer any two from the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) What is the name of Arjie's father? How does he treat Arjie?
- (b) What does Arjie want to be when he grows up? How does Arjie's family react to such interests?
- (c) Who is Jegan? Where does he work?

8. Answer any one from the following questions : 10

- (a) Examine the issues of identity formation and social expectations in Selvadurai's *Funny Boy*.
- (b) Discuss how the Tamil-Sinhalese conflict shapes Arjie's experiences in *Funny Boy*.

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UNIT—V

9. Answer any two from the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) What is the title of the first Chapter of the graphic novel, *Bhimayana : The Experiences of Untouchability*? What does the Chapter highlight?
- (b) Where did Ambedkar go to pursue his studies? Who sponsored his education?
- (c) Name one event from *Bhimayana* that shows Dr. Ambedkar's fight against discrimination.

10. Answer any one from the following questions : 10

- (a) *Bhimayana* not only tells the story of Dr. Ambedkar but also comments on contemporary issues of castes and inequality. Discuss.
- (b) Discuss the significance of education in the life of B. R. Ambedkar, as represented in *Bhimayana*. How does education shape Ambedkar's perspective and enable him to challenge the caste system?

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