

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)

ENGLISH (BAEGH)

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

BEGC-106 : POPULAR LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *There are three Sections in this paper—
Sections A, B and C. Attempt questions from
all three Sections. Attempt any **four**
questions from Section A, **two** questions from
Section B and any **three** questions from
Section C.*

Section—A

1. Write short notes on any **four** of the following
in about **100** words each : 4×5=20

(a) Legitimacy of Popular Culture

- (b) Crime Fiction
- (c) Indian Graphic novel
- (d) Utopia and Dystopia in Literature
- (e) Chick Lit
- (f) Young Adult Fiction

Section—B

Note : Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **250** words each. 2×10=20

2. Write a note on the significance of the chess motif in *Through the Looking Glass*.
3. What are the key features of the novels written in the golden age of Detective Fiction ? Give a detailed answer with examples.
4. How are Utopian Literature and Science Fiction inextricably linked ? Give a reasoned answer with examples.
5. Analyse 'The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas' from a feminist perspective.

Section—C

Note : Answer any **three** of the following questions
in about **500** words each. 3×20=60

6. Write a detailed note on the structuralist and sociological readings of popular literature.
7. “Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass* is an escape from the Victorian norms of punishment and reform of children.” Would you agree with this statement ? Give a reasoned answer.
8. Is *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* a classic whodunnit ? Give a reasoned answer with examples.
9. “The denouement of *Funny Boy* does not offer a resolution to the problems posited by the author.” Do you agree ? Give a reasoned answer.

10. Do you think narratives in Popular Literature often engage with questions of gender and identity ? Discuss with reference to any *two* prescribed texts in your syllabus.
11. How does the narrative of *Bhimayana* negotiate with concerns of caste and gender discrimination ? Discuss.

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