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FACULTY OF ARTS

B.A. (First Year) (First Semester) EXAMINATION

APRIL/MAY, 2026

ENGLISH (Optional)

Paper-I

(Understanding Prose Fiction)

(Friday, 17-4-2026)

Time : 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Time—2 Hours

Maximum Marks—50

N.B. :— (1) *All questions are compulsory.*

(2) *Figures to the right indicate full marks.*

1. Discuss the theme of interdependence in 'The Old Man and the Sea'. 10

Or

Critically analyse the relationship between Santiago and Manolin in, 'The Old Man and the Sea'.

2. How do the Animals respond to Animalism in 'Animal Farm'. 10

Or

Compare and contrast Napoleon and Snowball with reference to the plot of 'Animal Farm'.

3. What is the moral of the story, 'The Country of the Blind' ? 10

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Or

What is the theme of the story, 'The Three Strangers' ?

4. Describe the character of Christine in, 'The Man from the Mars'. 10

Or

Examine the theme of wisdom *versus* wit as reflected in 'The Purloined Letter'.

5. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 10

- (a) Setting
- (b) Point of view
- (c) The 16th Century Novel
- (d) Novelists of the Modern period.

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