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M.A. English 2nd Semester (Batch 2021-23)

WESTERN LITERARY HISTORY—II

Paper—X

Time Allowed—3 Hours] [Maximum Marks—80

Note :— Attempt *five* questions in all, selecting at least *one* question from each section. The *fifth* question may be attempted from any section. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION—A

1. 'Postmodernism is a powerful symptom and mirror of the shifts and radical upsets in various fields of contemporary life.' Discuss.
2. Discuss the label 'avant-garde' prescribed to Modernist movement in literature and art and its justification for reflecting it in representative works.

SECTION—B

3. Discuss the tragic vision in the plays of O'Neill and Miller, outlining the major themes of the two, respectively.
4. What are the anti-traditional/revolutionary aspects of Shaw's philosophy of life reflected in his plays ?

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SECTION—C

5. How does Eliot's great poem *The Waste Land* voice the defeatist pessimism of the Post-First World War generation ?
6. How would you rate Whitman as a great visionary poet who defends the traditional American spirit and idealism ?

SECTION—D

7. Discuss the sharp social criticism of Victorian values in the works of Dickens and Thackeray, selectively.
8. Write a note on the Pre-Raphaelites' poetry, defining their major aims and contribution.