BEN-34-IV

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Third Year B.A. Degree Examination, May/June - 2026

(SLM Scheme)

ENGLISH OPTIONAL

Course - IV: Poetry, Drama and Fiction

Time : 3 Hours **Max. Marks : 80**

Instruction : ***All sections are compulsory.***

Section - A

Annotate four of the following without omitting Poetry or Drama : [4 × 5 = 20]

1) Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;

   Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,

2) Miss Helen Slingsby was my maiden aunt,

   And lived in a small house near a fashionable square

   Cared for by servants to the number of four.

3) He will not go behind his father's saying,

   And he likes having thought of it so well

   He says again, "Good fences make good neighbours."

4) But in the life of one man, never

   The same time returns, sever

5) A Christian martyrdom is never an accident... It is the design of God, for His love of men, to warn them and to lead them, to bring them back to His ways.

6) There does be a power of young men floating round in the sea, and what way would they know if it was Michael's they had, or another man's with the one shirt and the one flannel on them?

Section - B

Answer Three Questions : **[3 × 10 = 30]**

7) Examine the portrayal of women in Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*.

8) Describe *Things Fall Apart* as a postcolonial novel.

9) Comment on the significance of Old Major's speech in *Animal Farm.*

10) Compare and contrast Napoleon and Snowball as leaders in *Animal Farm.*

11) Discuss Albert Camus' philosophy of existentialism in *The Plague.*

Section - C

Answer Three of the following without omitting Poetry or Drama :
[3 × 10 = 30]

12) Examine how "A Prayer for My Daughter" shows a father's concern for his daughter.

13) Write a critical appreciation on the poem,"Mending Wall".

14) Bring out Auden's satirical observations on modern society in "The Unknown Citizen".

15) Discuss the conflict between man and nature in *Riders to the Sea*.

16) Consider Thomas Becket as a tragic hero in *Murder in the Cathedral.*