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Backlog Arrear Examination, March 2021

ENG 2469

Critical Reading and Writing

Time: 3 Hrs

Max. Marks: 75

I. Write essays on ANY FIVE of the following in about 300 words each. 5 x 15 =75

1. Bring out your reflections on the story ‘The Open Boat’.
2. The Cop and the Anthem illustrates the irony of human life-Substantiate.
3. How does the loss of necklace by Matilda change her life? Compare the life before and after the loss of necklace. Do you think the loss changes her attitude about more important things in life?
4. Do you think the use of dialogues in “Hills Like White Elephants” effectively bring out the conflict between the man and the woman?
5. Do you think “Araby” is a story about conflicting emotions felt during adolescence?
6. What are the problems that the female protagonist in the story “What I have been doing lately” faces? Does this story end with a hope of a solution? Explain your response with reference to the dream-like sequence in the story.
7. To what extent do you think the story “My Mother, Her Crime” traces the growth trajectory of a girl in a male dominant set up effectively? What are the reasons for the girl’s sadness, fear and confusion and why does the mother react harshly at the end?
