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## Third Semester M.A. Degree (Reg./Supple./Imp.) Examination, November 2015 ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE ENG 3C09: The Post-Modern Era (2014 Admn.)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- 1. Write short notes on any eight questions, in not more than one page.
  - 1) Significance of the title 'Digging'.
  - 2) 'The Victorian Woman' portrayed in *The French Lieutenant's Woman* by John Fowles.
  - 3) Features of fictional autobiography in Waterland.
  - 4) Analyse the relationship between Vladimir and Estragon.
  - 5) Post-modernism in Nights at the Circus.
  - 6) Comment on the influence of paintings on poetry from your reading of Thom Gunn's *In Santa Maria de Popolo*.
  - 7) Analyse Larkin's eye for detail in his description of the wedding crowd.
  - 8) Why does the persona in *Church going* make sure that the church is empty before entering it?
  - 9) How is repetition used as an effective poetic device in *Do Not Go Gentle* into that Good Night by Dylan Thomas?
  - 10) Nostalgia in Fern Hill.
  - 11) How does the child in the poem Child Born Dead transgress the laws of the world?
  - 12) Symbolic nature of the house or 'squat' in *The Good Terrorist*. (8x5=40)

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- II. Write an essay on any four in not less than four pages.
  - 13) 'Dylan Thomas' poem *Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night* is a tribute to the human spirit that strives till the last moment'. Comment.
  - 14) In what ways does the play Writing for Godot signify the meaninglessness of life?
  - 15) Narrative structure of Nights at the Circus by Angela Carter.
  - 16) Analyse the 'visual clarity' of Ted Hughes' poetry from your reading of the two poems prescribed.
  - 17) Larkin has been described as 'Britain's poet laureate of disappointment'.

    Respond to this in the light of the two poems that you have read.
  - 18) Doris Lessing in her novel, *The Good Terrorist*, is trying to identify 'women's space' in the patriarchal world. Comment. (4×10=40)