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**V Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Regular/ Supplementary/  
Improvement) Examination, November 2025**

**(2019 to 2023 Admissions)**

**CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH**

**5B08ENG : The Late Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries (1939-2018)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Write an essay (200 – 250 words) on **any one** of the following.

1) Examine the role of women's movements and feminist thought in reshaping British literature from the 1960s onwards.

2) How has multiculturalism shaped modern British literature ? (1×8=8)

II. Write an essay (200 – 250 words) on **any one** of the following.

3) Analyse the significance of community and female solidarity in *Union Street*.

4) Explore the theme of racism and its various manifestations in the lives of the immigrants in *The Lonely Londoners*. (1×8=8)

III. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph. (80 - 100 words)

5) What themes are central to Keith Douglas's war poetry ?

6) What is the significance of Larkin's train journey in "The Whitsun Weddings" ?

7) How does Sam Selvon use language to create authenticity in *The Lonely Londoners* ?

8) Explain Winston Smith's spiritual and political rebellion in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.

9) How did the decline of the British empire affect literature ?

10) How does *Union Street* challenge narrative closure ? (4×4=16)

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IV. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two or three** sentences.

- 11) How did the loss of the American colonies affect the British Empire ?
- 12) Who continued Thatcher's policies after her resignation ?
- 13) What does Winston's vision of the "Golden Country" represent in *Nineteen Eighty-Four* ?
- 14) What tone does Selvon's narrator use in telling immigrant stories ?
- 15) Who is tortured into submission by O'Brien in *Nineteen Eighty-Four* ?
- 16) What is the significance of the "how to be both" idea in the novel's title ?
- 17) What does the phrase 'Protestant, commercial, maritime, and free' suggest about the British Empire ?
- 18) What does the term "Blitz" refer to ?
- 19) When and where was Sarah Kane's first play, "Blasted," first performed ?
- 20) What historical figure is the character Francescho based on ? **(8×1=8)**

