

2023
B.A./B.Sc.
Fifth Semester
DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE – 2
ENGLISH
Course Code: END 5.21
(Science Fiction & Detective Literature)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer the following questions.

UNIT-I

1. The story of the “Time Traveller” demonstrates that progress is not synonymous with social improvement. Discuss. 10
2. What is the one lesson which the Elois had learned anew? What does it reveal about their future? 4

UNIT-II

3. Do you think Jonathan Small was justified in his disposal of the Agra treasure? Discuss. 10
4. What is the importance of Dr. Watson’s role in *The Sign of Four*? 4

UNIT-III

5. Discuss the appropriateness of the statement “rats behind the wainscoting” in Chandler’s *The Big Sleep*. 10
6. What makes Philip Marlowe a tragic hero? 4

UNIT-IV

7. Discuss the significance of the Maltese Falcon as a symbol in the novel. What does it represent to different characters, and how does its pursuit drive the plot? 10

8. Explore the theme of deception and betrayal in *The Maltese Falcon*. How do the characters embody these themes? 4

UNIT-V

9. Discuss the hypotheses given by the various 'disciplines' regarding the doom of the planet Kalgash in the event of the invading (astronomical) darkness. 10
10. Write a short note on the Sword of Thargola hypothesis or the Thombo tablets. 4
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