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**BEGC-112**

**B. A. (HONOURS) ENGLISH (BAEGH)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2023**

**BEGC-112 : BRITISH LITERATURE : EARLY  
TWENTIETH CENTURY**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note** : *All questions are compulsory.*

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1. Explain any **four** of the following passages with reference to the context : 4×8=32

(i) “The War had taught him. It was sublime. He had gone through the whole show, friendship, European war, death, had won promotion, was still under thirty and was bound to survive. He was right there. The last shells missed him. He watched them explode with indifference.

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- (ii) “..... but now I know  
 That twenty centuries of stony sleep  
 Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking  
cradle,
 And what rough beast, its hour come round  
at last,
 Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born ?”
- (iii) “We returned to our palaces,  
these Kingdoms,
 But no longer at ease here, in the  
old dispensation;
 With an alien people clutching  
their gods,
 I should be glad of another death.”
- (iv) “Our researchers into Public Opinion  
are content
 That he held the proper opinions  
for the time of year;
 When there was peace, he was for  
 peace : when there was war, he went.”



- (ii) Explain how Virginia Woolf depicts the character of Septimus Warren Smith in *Mrs. Dalloway*.
- (iii) Consider W. H. Auden's poem 'The Unknown Citizen' as a satirical elegy.
- (iv) 'T. S. Eliot's poem 'Journey of the Magi' is a poem with a Christian theme.' Discuss.
4. Write an essay (in around **300** words) on any **one** of the following : 20
- (a) Explain the symbolism of Yeats' poem 'The Second Coming' with reference to his cyclical theory of history.

*Or*

- (b) Discuss how Virginia Woolf employs the stream of consciousness technique in the novel *Mrs. Dalloway*.