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AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING - LEVEL 4
FINAL EXAMINATION - November 2016
FORMS OF FICTION - LSD 2204/LSU2204
DURATION - THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 19. 11. 2016 TIME: 1.30 pm. - 4.30 pm.

**ANSWER QUESTION (1) FROM PART A, QUESTION (2) FROM PART B
 AND ONE FROM PART C.**

Part A

- 1) **Identify two (02) of the following extracts, one from (a) and one from (b) and comment on their significance to the texts from which they are taken.**

(a)

- i) “And you think then we’ll be all right and be happy.”
 ‘I know we will. You don’t have to be afraid. I’ve known lots of people that have done it.’
 ‘So have I,’ said the girl. ‘And afterwards they were all so happy.’
- or**
- ii) “I assure that this will have the best home in the U.S.A. I’ll push away the book case, you know I love books and am a member of five book clubs, and the choice and bonus volumes really mount up to a pile in our living - room, as high as this horse itself. But they’ll have to go. Ruth may disapprove, but I will convince her. The T.V. may have to be shifted too. We can’t have everything in the living – room. Ruth will probably say what about when we have a party? I’m going to keep him right in the middle of the room. I don’t see how that can interfere with the party - we’ll stand around him and have our drinks.

and

(b)

- i) “She fetched the old red table cloth and another old cloth, spreading them down to save her bit of carpet.”

or

- ii) “He would fail with them just as he had failed with the girl in the pantry. He had taken up a wrong tone. His whole speech was a mistake from first to last, an utter failure.”

(40 marks)

Part B

- 2) Does Tess deserve her final punishment? Why or why not? Discuss with reference to Thomas Hardy’s *Tess of the D’urbervilles*.

(30 marks)

Part C

Either

- 3) What relevance does *The Great Gatsby* have to modern readers?

Or

- 4) Discuss the central symbols in *The Great Gatsby* and the role they play in conveying the main themes of the book.

(30 marks)