

**UPC: 12037507**

**B A English (Honours)**

**Science Fiction and Detective Lit. (DSE)**

**Semester: 5**

**Maximum Marks: 75**

**Time limit:** 3+1 (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

Attempt any **THREE** questions.

Each question carries 25 marks.

All answers should be between **750-1000 words**.

1. Discuss the Holmes-Watson relationship and its significance in Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
2. Does *The Woman in White* question and subvert the ideals of Victorian middle-class morality, or does it uphold them? Give a reasoned answer.
3. *The Big Sleep* is a misogynist novel which shows women as the cause of all trouble or as victims. Do you agree?
4. "The detective-story society is a society consisting of apparently innocent individuals." Discuss any novel in the course with reference to this statement.
5. "In Keating's novels, set in India, the bumbling, but always human, Inspector Ghote manages to solve crimes with a post-colonial mix of inherited Scotland Yard/Holmesian deductive methods and his understanding of his native country's culture." Do you agree with this statement about *Inspector Ghote goes by Train*?
6. In the *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, Doyle uses features of the gothic novel to create suspense. Comment.