

**BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2018**  
**Second Year Fourth Semester**  
**ENGLISH (HONOURS)**  
**Defense against the Dark Arts**

**Time: 2 hours**

**Full marks: 30**

**Answer any three questions. Questions carry equal marks.**

1. 'Good and bad mix like oil and water in the human soul.' Discuss any major character in a text you have studied in the light of this statement.
2. Examine the magical discipline of alchemy as a self-transforming technology, illustrating your answer with reference to at least two texts you have read.
3. 'The modern (Western) world is marked by a spiritual skepticism that has pushed magic to the margins.' Discuss this phenomenon as a consequence of European historical forces, referring to any source books you have read.
4. 'All justice finds its refuge in heaven.' Is this statement compatible with what you know of the attributes of Sephira Kether? Discuss the justice dispensed in any one text you have read in the light of this statement.
5. Discuss any two characters you have studied in the light of your understanding of the structure of the human soul.
6. Can magic be studied and domesticated, or is real magic always wild and untamed? Discuss in the light of any text you have studied.