Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

Critical Analysis of Literature and Cinema (GS F322)

Comprehensive Examination (Open Book)

May 12, 2016 Full Marks: 40

**Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes and illegible handwriting. The word limit for each question is 300-350. You are allowed to have hard copies of the primary and secondary texts as well as class notes. No electronic gadgets are allowed.**

1. *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini is "a sweeping story of family, love, and friendship told against the devastating backdrop of the history of Afghanistan over the last thirty years". Analyze the novel keeping in mind the above observation. 10

2. Analyze W.B. Yeats' *Cathleen Ni Houlihan* as a nationalistic play. 10

3. *Where is the Friend's Home* is an indirect portrayal of the contemporary society. Use four instances from the movie and analyze them to show how the movie reflects the nuances of the prevalent society. 10

4. Write short notes on the following: 5x2= 10

a. Deep Focus and Shallow Focus

b. Catharsis in tragedy