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First Term

Section A:
Write short notes (15-20 lines each) on THREE of the following: (50 Marks)
1) The conditions of the English working class in the late 19th Century
2) Humanism
3) Romanticism
4) Irrationalism
5) The Modernist Movement
6) The failure of the Enlightenment dreams
7) Postwar pessimism the intellectual atmosphere after WWI

Section B:
Answer only ONE of the following questions: (50 Marks)
1) Existentialism was one of the Twentieth Century literary and philosophical movements which captured the spirit of the age. Explain the general ideas of Existentialism making reference to existentialist thinkers and writers
2) Explain the meaning of "ideology" making reference to Karl Marx's criticism of the classical theory of poverty.
3) Imperialism started as a solution to economic problems. Yet, it was necessary to provide ideological justifications of this violent expansionist project. Explain both the economic reasons and the ideological justifications of imperialism.
4) Freudian psychoanalysis offered a new vision of human nature which defied the Enlightenment idea of man as totally rational and conscious. How did Freud see human nature?

Good Luck