Discuss the ending of John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath. A

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B. A. (Part I) Examination, 2011

ENGLISH

Second Paper

(Fiction)

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: Answer Five questions in all. Question No. 1 is compulsory. Answer four other questions, choosing one from each Unit.

- 1. Comment briefly on the following: $2 \times 10 = 20$
 - (a) Write a note on the epistolary novel.
 - (b) Discuss the character of Miss Mendoza in Two Virgins.

Unit-I

- Discuss the development of novel as a form of fiction.
 - Describe some of the narrative modes for presenting consciousness in the novel.

Unit-II

- Kamala Markandaya handles character, dialogue and description with skill in her novels.
 Comment.
- 5. What is the theme of Kamala Markandaya's Two Virgins?
 7½

Unit-III

- Discuss Hardy's philosophy of life with special reference to Far from the Madding Crowd. 7½
- Critically analyse the relationship between
 Gabriel Oak and Bathsheba in Hardy's Far from
 the Madding Crowd.

- (c) Write a character sketch of William Boldwood in Hardy's Far from the Madding Crowd.
- (d) Discuss the development of Tom Joad as a character in Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*.
- (e) What is a novel?
- (f) Enumerate the characteristics of regional novel.
- (g) Comment on the character of Mr. Gupta in
 Kamala Markandaya's Two Virgins.
 - (h) Write a brief note on the role of the rustic characters in Hardy's Far from the Madding Crowd.
 - (i) Describe the character of Ma Joad in Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath.
 - (j) What is a Historical novel?