

**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017****Fourth Semester****B.A.—English****Core Course—READING FICTION****(Common for all B.A. English Programmes)****[2013 Admission onwards]****Time : Three Hours****Maximum Marks : 80****Part A***Answer all questions each in a sentence.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. What led to the decline of banker's fortune ?
2. What is Klipsringer ?
3. What is luck according to Paul's mother ?
4. What is the theme of Berje's story ?
5. What is the Angola decide to leave Tony ?
6. Why was the boy always sitting on the rocking horse ?
7. What led to the death of Gessler ?
8. Why were the vergers of St. Peters compared to the Popes of Rome ?
9. What kind of people come to Gatsby's parties.
10. Who is Mr. Wolfshiem ?

**(10 × 1 = 10)****Part B***Answer any eight of the following in about 50 words.**Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. Describe Uncle Jule's character.
12. Describe the turmoil of Obi after he steps on the sacrificial egg.
13. Why does Miss Dixon feel safe with Sharma ?
14. According to God, Why did Kugler kill people ?
15. Describe the 'valley of ashes'. What does it look like and what does it represent ?

**Turn over**

16. What are the reasons that the Verger gives for not learning to read and write?
17. Paul's mother say that it is better to be born lucky than rich. Why?
18. How did the elder of the Gaslers die?
19. Describe the meeting between Gatsby and Daisy?
20. Describe the Buchanan's house.
21. Write a note on the tone and mood of the story "The Terror".
22. Describe Nick's relationship with Jordan.

(6 × 2 = 16)

### Part C

*Answer any six in paragraph of 100 words each.  
Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. Do you think that the tragic end of the Gesslers was inevitable?
24. Describe the narrator's house in "The Great Gatsby".
25. Do you agree that in the story "The shape of the Sword" the man's identity is ambiguous? If yes give reasons?
26. Sketch the character of the mother in "A watcher of the Death".
27. How did Fitzgerald use weather to reflect the mood of the story?
28. What was the role of Gardner in Paul's life.
29. Describe the character of Myrtle Wilson.
30. Discuss the gold watch as a symbol.
31. What information did Mr. Hercia give about Himself?

(6 × 4 = 24)

### Part D

*Answer any two of the following in about 300 words each.  
Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. Critically examine the theme of "The Sacrificial Egg" by Chinna Achebe.
33. "The Great Gatsby is by all odds Fitzgerald's most perfect novel" Discuss.
34. The narrator in the 'The Terror' is not afraid of any 'thing' in particular : he is afraid of fear and frightened of himself. Explain.
35. Analyse the cultural identity in Indo-Caribbean fiction as revealed in Love, Love, Love alone'.

(2 × 15 = 30)