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B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2016

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 the following questions each in a sentence.

Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. What is the narrator's name in 'The Terror'?
- 2. How did the lawyer in 'The Bet' change both in body and spirit?
- 3. Why does Paul say that his horse has different names?
- 4. What do you know of Kugler's childhood days?
- 5. When do you think the story 'The Gold Watch' occurs before independence or after?
- 6. What kind of a person is Daisy?
- 7. Who did Tom take Nick to meet?
- 8. What kind of people come to Gatsby's parties?
- 9. How does Nick meet Gatsby?
- 10. Who is Mr. Wolfshiem ?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B

Answer any eight of the following each in about 50 words. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Why did everybody dislike Tani?
- 12. Describe Uncle Jules' character.
- 13. Discuss the gold watch as a symbol.
- 14. What makes Thurber's grandfather an unusual and amusing character?
- 15. Comment on the title of the story "The Rocking Horse Winner".
- 16. How did the elder of the Gesslers die?

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- 17. Describe Nick's relationship with Jordan.
- 18. Describe the meeting between Gatshy and Daisy.
- 19. What happens between Nick and Jordan Baker?
- 20. Describe the Buchanan's house.
- 21. How does the narrator describe Gatsby?
- 22. Describe Tom. What is your impression of him in chapter 1?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16)$

Part C

Answer any six in Short Paragraphs of 100 words each. Each question carries 4 marks.

- 23. Do you think that the tragic end of the Gesslers was inevitable?
- 24. Analyse the double-blow effect of the phrase 'most extra-ordinary' in the story "The Verger'.
- 25. Describe John Vincent Moon.
- 26. Elaborate Julius' life in the Umuru market.
- 27. Attempt a character sketch of Gatsby.
- 28. What is Daisy's opinion of Gatsby's party and how does it affect him?
- 29. Attempt a character sketch of Nick.
- 30. Describe the narator's house in 'The Great Gatsby',
- 31. Describe the Buchaman's house.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24)$

Part D

Answer any two in Essays of about 300 words each.

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. Man is judged in terms of the actions he performs, as it follows, then man is the maker of his fate, God only being a witness. Discuss.
- Analyse the cultural identity in Indo-Caribbean fiction as revealed in 'Love, Love, Love, Alone'.
- 34. Write an essay on the narrative pattern in 'The Great Gatsby'.
- 35. Attempt a character sketch of Daisy.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$