

**B.A/B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2011****First Semester**

Common Course—English

**READING LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A***Answer all the questions.**Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.***I. Choose the correct answer from the following :**

1. The foundation-stone of a bore is :

- (a) stigma.
- (b) egotism.
- (c) handicap.
- (d) ignorance.

2. The only way to make amends for our lapse according to Nehru is :

- (a) to cry and mourn Gandhi's death.
- (b) to pledge ourselves anew and dedicate to the great task he undertook.
- (c) to thank him for the great work he undertook.
- (d) to root out the evil in Society.

3. Women's voice in contemporary Indian Public life can be strengthened by :

- (a) alleviation of economic poverty.
- (b) broadening the social coverage that is now confined to the Urban elite.
- (c) removing disparities in public life.
- (d) increasing the politicization of issues.

4. What according to Russel, is the first mistake of human beings ?

- (a) their being dogmatic.
- (b) their inability to observe.
- (c) their lack of awareness of their own ignorance.
- (d) their inability to be cautious.

**II. 5. What gave comfort to Ruth when she 'Stood in tears among the alien Corn' ?**

- (a) the thought of emperors and clowns.
- (b) the self-same song of the nightingale.
- (c) the charming ladies in the magic casements.
- (d) the thought of her native land.

**Turn over**

6. What is the reason for the poet to say '*Something there is that doesn't love a wall*' ?
- (a) the neighbour doesn't like a wall.
  - (b) the ground swells naturally and makes gaps in the wall.
  - (c) the poet doesn't like a wall.
  - (d) the hunters too don't like a wall.
7. What is the attitude of the poet towards the bicycle ?
- (a) the poet adores the humble machine.
  - (b) the poet worships the machine and is fascinated by it.
  - (c) the poet enjoys seeing the bicycle.
  - (d) the bicycle is a powerful machine.
8. What does the poet express towards the end of the poem *The Mask* ?
- (a) the lover's utter helplessness and inability to cope with rejected love.
  - (b) the lover's anger.
  - (c) the lover remaining unaffected by an dejection.
  - (d) the lover's recovery from the tragic situation.
- III.9. Why did Ivan not try to find the number of the winning ticket ?
- (a) he did not believe in trying his luck
  - (b) he had no faith in lottery luck.
  - (c) to torment and tense himself with hopes of winning a fortune.
  - (d) to see the broad, senseless smile on his wife's face.
10. Why was Jimmy Valentine imprisoned ?
- (a) for stitching uppers in the shoe-shop.
  - (b) he was caught for the safe burglary at spring field.
  - (c) the old jury was very mean.
  - (d) for not living straight.
11. When the picture was released Sambu was delighted because :
- (a) he had acted in the cinema.
  - (b) his father had come back to life.
  - (c) he had got an opportunity to see his father.
  - (d) he got an opportunity to go back in time.
12. What was the reason for the tourist's interest in the two boys ?
- (a) they picked fruits for a living.
  - (b) they often took the tourists around.
  - (c) there was a seriousness, an air of purpose in them.
  - (d) they were selling wild berries.



IV.13. What is the unfortunate situation that the staff had to face in the play, *Refund*.

- (a) Wasserkopf wanted to take another examination.
- (b) Leaderer wanted to take another examination.
- (c) The principal wanted to re-examine an old student.
- (d) The principal wanted to fail Wasserkopf.

14. Name the festival that is described in *Lord Byron's Love Letter*.

- (a) Christmas.
- (b) Mardi Gras.
- (c) May Day.
- (d) Summer fest.

15. What did the Sergeant take out of his pocket ?

- (a) A bundle of papers.
- (b) An ordinary little paw dried to a mummy.
- (c) A packet of cigar.
- (d) A token he got from a friend.

16. Why did Mr. White utter a Cry, after making the first wish ?

- (a) The paw had become very hot and had burnt his hand.
- (b) He expressed his fear.
- (c) He expressed his happiness.
- (d) The paw moved and twisted in his hand like a snake.

(4 × 1 = 4)

### Part B

*Answer five of the questions in a sentence or two.*

- 17. Why does Nehru feel ashamed as the head of the Government of India ?
- 18. What was the mistake Aristotle did according to Bertrand Russell ?
- 19. What are the benefits of Liberalisation according to Amartya Sen ?
- 20. What does the word 'sessions' in the first line of the sonnet refer to ?
- 21. Who is addressed as 'you' in the poem, *Poor Girl*.
- 22. What are the words of praise showered on Pushpa ?
- 23. What is Ivan's outlook towards lottery and luck ?
- 24. Why was Sambu excited in class ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

### Part C

*Answer four of the following questions in about 100 words.*

- 25. Why does Lucas say that everybody is a bore sometimes or the other ?
- 26. What, according to Russell, are the two ways of avoiding fear ?
- 27. What effect does the nightingale's song produce on the poet ?

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28. Why is the story titled **A Shadow** ?
29. Towards the end of the poem, the bicycle becomes an agent of death. Explain.
30. Why does Varma's perception of his son change ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

#### Part D

Answer **two** of the following questions in about 300 words.

31. What is the tribute that Nehru pays to Gandhi ?
32. Describe the characters of Nicola and Jacopo ?
33. How does the Monkey's paw ruin the family of the whites ?

(2 × 4 = 8)