

B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2012**First Semester**

Common Course—English

READING LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

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

1. What is the greatest asset of a bore ?
 - (a) His simplicity.
 - (b) His busy way of life.
 - (c) His craftiness.
 - (d) His sense of humour.
 2. According to Nehru, the only way to make amends for our lapse 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. The only way of dealing with general human conceit, according to Russell; is :
 - (a) By concealing self-esteem.
 - (b) Being rational in one's thoughts.
 - (c) By creating a belief in something comforting.
 - (d) Accepting that man is only a brief episode on this planet.
- II. 5. Why does Malouf see a deity in the bicycle ?**
 - (a) The bicycle outmatches man in efficiency and performance.
 - (b) The shape reminds the poet of a deity.
 - (c) Man gives too much importance to machines.
 - (d) The bicycle has the appearance of a deity.

Turn over

6. What does the poet express towards the end of "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 any dejection.
 - (d) The lover's recovery from the tragic situation.
7. Why is Pushpa a popular person ?
- (a) She is a good person.
 - (b) She has a good spirit.
 - (c) She is emotional.
 - (d) Her father was a renowned advocate.
8. What does the poet mean by the terms "unlearn" and "relearn" in "Once Upon a Time" ?
- (a) The poet wants to forget all that he has learned.
 - (b) The poet wants to start his life anew with all the goodness of the past.
 - (c) The poet wants to learn anew the modern ways of man.
 - (d) The poet wants to become a child.

III. 9. Why did Ben Price act rather strangely ?

- (a) Ben Price was convinced of Jimmy's transformation.
 - (b) Ben wanted to give him another chance.
 - (c) Ben came to the bank to see the manager.
 - (d) Ben didn't recognize Jimmy.
10. 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.
11. What was the exemplary filial behaviour displayed by Rakesh :
- (a) He topped the list when the results were out.
 - (b) He bowed down and touched his father's feet when he topped the list.
 - (c) He scanned the morning newspaper to see the result.
 - (d) He went up to his father and informed him the result.
12. What quality in the two boys appealed most to the tourists ?
- (a) Their youth.
 - (b) Their unremitting willingness to work.
 - (c) Their savings for a better tomorrow.
 - (d) Their planning.

- IV. 13. Why did the students call the Physics master a cannibal ?
(a) He fell flat in aisle. (b) He was always chewing his thumbs.
(c) He had a sad look. (d) He had whiskers.
14. What does the playwright intend to do through the play "Lord Byron's Love-Latter" ?
(a) Make fun of the gullible public patronizing the art forms.
(b) Make fun of the old woman and the spinster.
(c) Prove that Byron was a romantic person.
(d) Attempt to show that people are passionately interested in the past.
15. Why did Sampson say "he is not in pain" ?
(a) Herbert had taken pain killers.
(b) Herbert was dead.
(c) Sampson did not know what happened to Herbert.
(d) He was telling a lie.
16. Where, according to Irene Marguerite, did Lord Byron meet her for the first time ?
(a) In Italy. (b) On the steps of the Acropolis in Athens.
(c) Near the Hellespont. (d) At the Mardi Gras.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Part B

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

Each question carries a weight of 1.

17. What are the benefits of "Liberalization", according to Amartya Sen ?
18. What was the mistake Aristotle made, according to Russell ?
19. Why does Nehru feel ashamed as the head of the Government of India ?
20. What is the gap that the poet refers to in "Mending Wall" ?
21. Why does the poet say in "Poor Girl" that the lover is breaking another heart ?
22. "Was it a vision, or a waking dream" ? Why does Keats feel so ?
23. How did Ivan and Masha react when they realized that they did not actually win the lottery ?
24. Why does Jimmy change his mind about robbing the bank at Elmore ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

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

Each question carries a weight of 2.

25. How did Mr. White's first wish come true ?
26. What did Varma confide in his friend Bhatia in "A Devoted Son" ?
27. Why does Shakespeare say that he has to "now pay as if not paid before" ?

Turn over

28. Comment on the comparisons used in "The Mask".
29. What is the advantage of having a hypothetical apponent, according to Russell?
30. What is the failure that Nehru mentions in his speech?

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part D

*Answer any two of the following questions in about 300 words.
Each question carries a weight of 4.*

31. Comment on the wit and humour employed in "Refund".
32. Write a note on the transformation of Jimmy into Mr. Spencer in "A Retrieved Reformation".
33. What, according to Russell, are the ways to escape from "intellectual rubbish"?

(2 × 4 = 8)