B.Com. (MODEL I) DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2016

Third Semester

Common Course—English

PERSPECTIVES IN LITERATURE

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

Answer the following questions in a sentence **or** *two.*
Each question carries 1 mark.

1. What is the agreement Lucas' friend had with the page boy ?

2. What is the occasion of the speech 'A Glory has Departed' ?

3. What is the remedy for the Central failures of Indian Society ?

4. Why is self-esteem sometimes deceptive ?

5. When the story 'The Lottery Ticket' ends, how does Ivan reconcile with his situation ?

6. What was the sudden commotion that was created in the bank ?

7. What were the two reasons that made Sambu burst into tears ?

8. Why did the old man bribe his grandson ?

9. Why did the boys join the resistance movement against the Germans ?

10. What is the 'gap' that the poet refers to in the poem 'Mending Wall' ?

$(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B

Answer any **eight** *of the following questions in about 60 words.*
Each question carries 2 marks.

11. Describe the encounter in the story of the Memoirs.

12. What is the failure that Nehru mentions in his speech ?

13. How does Amartya Sen evaluate the practice of democracy in independent India ?

14. What is the advantage of having a hypothetical opponent ?

15. Why does the poet say that he has to 'new pay as if not paid before' ?

Turn over

16. What qualities does the poet observe in the bicycle ?

17. 'Then she'll begin to sing this song'. Why ?

18. How does the poet describe the mask of the lover ?

19. Bring out the elements of parody in the poem 'Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S.'

20. Do you think nostalgia is the predominant feature in the poem 'Once Upon a Time' ? Substantiate.

21. Why was Ivan reluctant to look at the lottery ticket winning number initially ?

22. Why didn't Ben Price arrest Jimmy but let him go free ?

$(8 \times 2 = 16)$

Part C

Answer any **six** *of the following questions in about* 100 *words.*
Each question carries 4 marks.

23. 'Bores thrive because of the incurable weakness and benignancy of human nature'. Discuss.

24. What is the tribute that Nehru pays to Gandhi ?

25. Enumerate the simple rules to keep away from 'silly error'.

26. 'Good fences make good neighbours'. Discuss.

27. Comment on the use of the rich imagery in the poem 'The Mask'.

28. What is the human psychology that is inherent in the story 'The Lottery Ticket' ?

29. Who shows greater courage at the end of the story–Jimmy or Ben Price ?

30. Why did Sambu feel unhappy at the end of each film show ?

31. What is the lesson Anita Desai is trying to put across in the story 'A Devoted Son' ?

$(6 \times 4 = 24)$

Part D

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

32. Attempt a character sketch of Nicola in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

33. Attempt an evaluation of India after 50 years of independence.

34. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Ode to a Nightingale'.

35. Compare and contrast the reactions of the mother and son to the release of the film.

$(2 \times 15 = 30)$