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Third Semester

Common Course—English

PERSPECTIVES IN LITERATURE

(For Model I B.Com. Programme)

[2013 Admissions]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

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

1. "We have failed to protect ..." Who does Nehru refer to here ?
2. What, according to Russell, is the first mistake of human beings ?
3. Why does Keats wish for a "draught of vintage" ?
4. What does Robert Frost mean when he says, "He moves in darkness" ?
5. Why does Malouf see a deity in the bicycle ?
6. Why is Pushpa going abroad ?
7. Why does Gabriel Okara say that he wants to "laugh with hearts" ?
8. What did Ivan plan to do with the money ?
9. Why did Ben Price act rather strangely ?
10. The mother fainted while watching the cinema. Why ?

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Part B

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

11. What is the most repellent specimen of all bores ?
12. Why does Nehru say we are not worthy of praising Gandhi ?
13. What is the remedy for the central failures of Indian society ?
14. Why does Russell say that it is a good plan to imagine an argument with a person having a different bias ?
15. What causes the poet to question the mending of the wall ?

Turn over

16. Why does the poet say that the mask is more cherished ?
17. Why does Pushpa keep smiling ?
18. Where did Ivan want to go in late autumn ?
19. Why does Jimmy change his mind about robbing the bank at Elmore ?
20. Why was Sambu excited in class ?
21. Why did the old man bribe his grandson ?
22. Why did the boys join the resistance movement against the Germans ?

(8 × 2 = 16 marks)

Part C

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

23. How did Gandhi effect change in us ?
24. Why does Amartya Sen say that educational progress is uneven in India ?
25. How does Keats contrast the permanence of the bird with the transience of human life ?
26. What qualities of the 'god head' does the poet observe in the cycle ?
27. How does the poet describe the mask of the lover ?
28. Why did the couple start resenting and hating each other ?
29. How did Ralph rescue the child trapped in the new safe ?
30. Why was the mother in 'A shadow' reluctant to see the film ?
31. How does the story of the "Two Gentlemen of Verona" give promise of greater hope for human society ?

(6 × 4 = 24 marks)

Part D

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

32. "Bores thrive because of the incurable weakness and benignancy of human nature." Discuss.
33. Amartya Sen's evaluation of India after 50 years of independence.
34. Attempt a critical appreciation of "The Lottery Ticket" as a study of human psychology.
35. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Mending Wall'.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)