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UG DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2015

Third Semester

Common Course-English

PERSPECTIVES IN LITERATURE

(For Model I B.Com. Programme)

[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. How do some people avoid bores?
- 2. What are the broad fields in which evaluation is to be made?
- 3. What was the mistake Aristotle made?
- 4. What effect does the nightingale's song produce on the poet?
- 5. How did Ivan and Masha react when they realized that they did not actually win the ticket?
- 6. Why does Jimmy change his mind about robbing the bank at Elmore?
- 7. Why was Sambu's mother reluctant to see the film?
- 8. What was the only pleasure left for the old man?
- 9. Why were A.J. Cronin and his companion attracted to the boys?
- 10. What does the poet refer to as 'out-door game' in the poem 'mending wall'?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B

Answer any cight of the following questions in about 60 words each.

Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. What are the different types of bores that Lucas mentions in the essay?
- 12. How did Gandhi effect change in us ?
- 13. Why does Amartya Sen say that educational progress is uneven in India?
- 14. How can we deal with the general human conceit?

Turn over

- 15. How does the bicycle become an agent of death towards the end of the poem?
- 16. What prevents the poet from revealing the truth to the girl?
- 17. Comment on the comparisons used in the poem 'The Mask'.
- 18. Comment on the title of the poem 'Once Upon a Time'.
- 19. Why did the couple Ivan and Masha start resenting and hating each other?
- 20. How did Ralph rescue the child trapped in the new safe?
- 21. What made the boy see the film again and again?
- 22. What did Varma confide in his friend Bhatia?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16)$

Part C

Answer any six of the following questions in about 100 words each.

Each question carries 4 marks.

- 23. Do you agree with the statement that 'bores make cowards of us all' ? Substantiate your point.
- 24. Gandhi 'lives in the hearts of millions and he will live for immemorial ages'. Elucidate.
- 25. Shakespeare's Sonnet XXX reveals the role of his patron in his life. Discuss.
- 26. What does Maya Angelou intend through the refrain 'Poor Girl Just like me'?
- 27. What picture of Pushpa do we get from the speech?
- 28. What aspects of human nature does the author attempt to explore in 'The Lottery Ticket'?
- 29. 'Ben price knew Jimmy's habits'. What were his habits?
- 30. Why is the story titled 'A Shadow'?
- 31. Discuss the irony in the story 'A Devoted Son'.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24)$

Part D

Answer any two of the following questions in about 300 words each.

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. A.J. Cronin describes the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' as 'a silent epic of devotion'. Discuss.
- 33. Attempt an essay on Amartya Sen's observations on the economic performance of India.
- 34. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Mending wall'.
- 35. Write an essay on the transformation of Jimmy into Mr. Spencer.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$