

B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015**First Semester**

Common Course—English

READING LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

(Common for all Model I B.A./B.Sc. Programmes and Model III B.A. English Literature and Communication Studies (Two Main) Programme)

[2013 Admission onwards]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

Answer **all** the questions in this section each in a sentence **or** two.
Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Why do we get angry when an opinion contrary to ours is expressed ?
2. What causes the poet to question the mending of the wall ?
3. What does the poet convey through the repeated use of the term 'transient' ?
4. Who is addressed to as 'our dear sister' ?
5. How did Ivan and Masha react when they realized that they did not actually win the lottery ?
6. What advice does the warden give Jimmy just before he is released from prison ?
7. What was Sambu's feeling when the film ended ?
8. What was the happy occasion in the family ?
9. Why did Wasserkopf ask for a refund of his tuition fees ?
10. Why did Mr. White stop his wife from opening the door in the end of the play ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any **eight** of the following questions each in about 50 words.
Each question carries 2 marks.

11. How does the button holing bore behave ?
12. Why does Nehru say 'there was a glory and that is no more' ?
13. How did Mahatma Gandhi effect change in us ?
14. What is the advantage of having a hypothetical opponent ?
15. What does the poet refer to as 'mischief' in the poem 'Mending Wall' ?
16. What will the poor girl do when the lover leaves her ?

Turn over

17. Why does the poet say that the mask is more cherished ?
18. What is the theme of the poem 'Once Upon a Time' ?
19. When the story ends, how does Ivan reconcile with his situation ?
20. How did Ralph rescue the child trapped in the new safe ?
21. What do you think R.K. Narayan tried to convey through the story 'A Shadow' ?
22. Why does Varma's perception of his son change ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

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

23. How does the story of the 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' give promise of greater hope for human society ?
24. Why did the principal conduct an extraordinary conference of the staff ?
25. What are the reasons to show that the love letter is a fake one ?
26. Why didn't the Sergeant sell the paw ?
27. How can the issue of gender inequality be addressed ?
28. How can we deal with the general human conceit ?
29. Why does the poet say that he has to 'new pay as if not paid before' ?
30. What effect does the nightingale's song produce on the poet ?
31. What are the comparisons used in the poem 'The Mask' ?

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

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

32. Discuss Amartya Sen's evaluation of India after 50 years of independence.
33. Write an essay on Keats' description of Nature in 'Ode to a Nightingale'.
34. Discuss the irony in the story 'A Devoted Son'.
35. Write an essay on how monkey's paw ruins the family of the whites.

(2 × 15 = 30)