

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)