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B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2016

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

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Part A

Answer all the questions in this Part each in a sentence or two.

Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. What was the mistake Aristotle made?
- 2. What is the gap that Robert Frost refers to in the poem?
- 3. Why does the poet compare the lover's desire with the sun?
- 4. What are the words of praise showered on Pushpa?
- 5. What were Masha's desires and day-dreams?
- 6. Why does Jimmy change his mind about robbing the bank at Elmore?
- 7. What happened to Sambu's mother while watching the film?
- 8. Why did the old man bribe his grandson?
- 9. Why was the Principal surprised by Wasserkopf's demand?
- 10. Why was Mr. White relieved when his second wish did not seem to come true?

 $(10\times 1=10)$

Part B

Answer any eight of the following questions each in about 50 words.

Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Why does Lucas say that everybody is a bore sometime or the other?
- 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?

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- 15. What are the two opposing ideas of the two neighbours?
- 16. What prevents the poet from revealing the truth to the poor girl?
- 17. Why does the poet show, reluctance in mending the wall?
- 18. What picture of Miss Pushpa do we get from the speech?
- 19. Why was Ivan reluctant to look at the lottery winning number initially?
- 20. How does Ben Price investigate and conclude that the multiple safe burglaries were done by Jimmy?
- 21. Why is the story titled 'A Shadow'?
- 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. How did the brothers help to defeat the German army?
- 24. What was the reaction of the Physics and Mathematics Masters?
- 25. What ideas have you formed of Lord Byron?
- 26. What did Sergeant Major Morris say about the monkey's paw?
- 27. What is the tribute that Nehru pays to Gandhi?
- 28. What are the factors that have contributed to the development of Kerala?
- 29. What are the two ways of avoiding fear?
- 30. How does Keats contrast the permanence of the bird with the transience of human life?
- 31. What are the two questions that the poet poses in 'The Mask'?

 $(6 \times 4 = 24)$

Part D

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

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. Gandhi 'lives in the hearts of millions and he will live for immemorial ages'. Elucidate.
- 33. Shakespeare's Sonnet XXX reveals the role of his patron in his life. Discuss.
- 34. 'Lord Byron's Love Letter' is packed with romance and pathos. Elaborate.
- 35. Describe in your own words the characters of Nicola and Jacopo.