

**FIRST SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc./B.M.M.C. DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2015**

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course

ENG 1A 02—MODERN PROSE AND DRAMA

: Three Hours

Maximum

Answer the following ten bunches of questions :

1. Who translated Gandhi's autobiography into English ?
(a) Morarji Desai. (b) Mahadev Desai.
(c) Pragji Desai. (d) Herman Kallenbach.
2. The term Netaji means _____ leader.
(a) Respected. (b) Spiritual.
(c) Political. (d) Social.
3. Who has been described as uncompromisingly brilliant and clear-eyed ?
(a) Martin Luther King. (b) James Baldwin.
(c) Chinua Achebe. (d) Kenneth Kaunda.
4. How many days did the Assembly spend to draft the Constitution of India ?
(a) 111. (b) 112.
(c) 113. (d) 114.
5. In 'Why I want a wife' how many children does the male friend have ?
(a) Two. (b) Three.
(c) One. (d) Four.
6. A majority of Ruskin. Bond's stories are set in _____.
(a) The Himalayan foothills. (b) Delhi.
(c) England. (d) America.
- 7 Mr. Sage is someone who sells _____.
(a) Furniture. (b) Radiograms.
(c) Pianos. (d) None of these.

1. The family is a _____ playwright.

- (a) British.
- (b) American.
- (c) Hungarian.
- (d) Czech.

9. Identify the speaker : 'I wish I wasn't dead, so I could speak to you'.

- (a) The mother.
- (b) The son.
- (c) The two men.
- (d) None of these.

10. _____ is a well-known poetry collection by Langston Hughes.

- (a) The Weary Blues.
- (b) Lyrical ballads.
- (c) Songs of Innocence.
- (d) Waste Land.

(10 x 1 = 10 marks)

Answer any *ten* of the following in not more than two sentences each :

- 11. Why couldn't Gandhi appoint special teachers for the Indian students ?
- 12. Why was Subhas Bose thrilled during the mammoth meeting ?
- 13. According to Achebe, what are the two most destructive emotions.
- 14. Which are the constitutions mentioned by Ambedkar while referring to the time spent on their preparation ?
- 15. According to the author, what are the economic duties a wife has to fulfill ?
- 16. What happened to the beanstalk after the monsoon ?
- 17. Why did Aunt Jane finally refuse to sit on the furniture ?
- 18. What does Wasserkopf demand from the school?
- 19. In the play 'Soul Goes Home', why does the son get infected with TB ?
- 20. Why did the mother in 'Soul Goes Home' cry when her son was born ?
- 21. How did the inmates at the farm get enough exercise ?
- 22. What was the final campaign according to Bose ?

(10 x 2 = 20 marks)

Answer any *four* of the following in a paragraph each :

- 23. According to Gandhi, what are the real aims of education ?
- 24. How does Netaji illustrate that the British could not rule India for long ?
- 25. What was the position taken by the History Professor about Africans ?
- 26. How does Ambedkar defend the allegations of Naziruddin Ahmed ?

28. Describe the conversation between the guard and the author of 'In SE Sweet-Peas'.

(4 x 5 = 20)

Answer any *two* of the following in about 300 words each:

29. Discuss the conversation between the son and the mother in *Soul Gone Home*.
30. Modern economic systems and habits make human beings slaves of **com**. Discuss with reference to 'The Never-Never Nest'.
31. How does Ruskin Bond express his love for flowers and trees through 'In Search of Sweet-Peas' ?
32. How does Ambedkar highlight the factors posing serious threats to democracy in India?

(2 x 15 = 30)