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(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course—English

ENG 1A 02—MODERN PROSE AND DRAMA

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following ten bunches of questions:—

1. Whose autobiography has the subtitle "The Story of My Experiments with Truth"?  
(a) Pragji Desai. (b) Jawaharlal Nehru.  
(c) Hermann Kallenbach. (d) M.K. Gandhi.
2. How many children does the male friend have in the essay 'Why I Want a Wife'?  
(a) 2. (b) 3.  
(c) 1. (d) 4.
3. Who was Jefferson ?  
(a) Former British Prime Minister.  
(b) Former President of the USA.  
(c) Member of the constituent assembly.  
(d) British viceroy in India.
4. What does the term 'Netaji' mean ?  
(a) Respected leader. (b) Political leader.  
(c) Spiritual leader. (d) Social leader.
5. How old was Martin Luther King, when he visited Ghana ?  
(a) 28. (b) 38.  
(c) 24. (d) 30.
6. Which season is the best for gardens ?  
(a) Spring. (b) Autumn.  
(c) Winter. (d) Summer.

**Turn over**

- 7 How many characters are there in the play 'Never Never Nest' ?
- (a) 4. (b) 5.  
(c) 6. (d) 7.
- 8 Identify the speaker. "I wish I wasn't dead, so I could speak to you" ?
- (a) The mother. (b) The son.  
(c) The 2 men. (d) None of these.
- 9 What is Wasserkopf's nationality ?
- (a) German. (b) British.  
(c) French. (d) Dutch.
- 10 Who commented that a house divided against itself could not stand very long ?
- (a) Gandhi. (b) Nehru.  
(c) Jefferson. (d) Lincoln.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer in a sentence *or* two any *ten* questions :

- 11 Who were the inmates of Tolstoy Farm ?
- 12 Who were Kallenbach and SjtPragii Desai ?
- 13 What was the final campaign according to S.C. Bose ?
- 14 What are the 2 most destructive emotions according to Achebe ?
- 15 How did Ambedkar make Indians aware of their responsibilities ?
- 16 Comment on the outside support that is expected from a wife as mentioned by the author ?
- 17 What is the Lone Ranger compared to ?
- 18 What made Aunt Jane worry about her cheque ?
- 19 Why does Wasserkopf rebuke the teachers ?
- 20 What does Wasserkopf demand from the school ?
- 21 How did the son die in *Soul Gone home* ?
- 22 Why does the mother say that Ronnie was of no use to her ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* questions out of six in a *paragraph* each :

- 23 Describe Chinua Achebe as a prose writer.
- 24 What were the major challenges faced by independent India ?

- 25 Discuss the attitude of society towards women.
- 26 How does contemplation differ from meditation ?
- 27 Why does Wasserkopf want his money back ?
- 28 Comment on the ending of the play *Never Never Nest*.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* out of the four questions given in about 300 words :

- 29 Challenges and future of Indian Democracy.
- 30 Is Ruskin Bond trying to say that village life is superior to a more urbanized life ?
- 31 Modern economic systems and habits make human beings slaves of commodities. Discuss.
- 32 Analyse the dramatic technique used by the author in *Soul Gone Home*.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)