

SECOND SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course

ENG 2A 03—INSPIRING EXPRESSIONS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

1 What did the narrator wear when the policemen arrived ?

- (a) Grandfather's nightgown. (b) Mother's blouse.
(c) A towel. (d) A bed sheet.

2 Hughie gave money to his friend's model because he _____.

- (a) Was rich. (b) Felt sorry.
(c) Was asked to pay him. (d) Wanted to win his favour.

3 What is Mohanlal's attitude towards his country ?

- (a) Indifference. (b) Condescension.
(c) Admiration. (d) Bewilderment.

4 Throughout the luncheon, the narrator felt _____.

- (a) Elated. (b) Anxious.
(c) Flirtatious. (d) Confused.

5 The scenes in the second stanza symbolize events from _____.

- (a) The journey of the Magi. (b) Christ's life.
(c) Lives of the Magi. (d) Life of the poet.

6 The 'heated middens' in 'A Summer Poem' refer to _____.

- (a) Coal embers. (b) Smoky wood fire.
(c) Piles of burning garbage. (d) Dry bushes on fire.

7 Which of these traits is demonstrated by the speaker of 'My Last Duchess' ?

- (a) Arrogance. (b) Indifference.
(c) Impatience. (d) Deceitfulness.

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8 The word 'fancy' in 'Ode to a Nightingale' refers to _____.

- (a) The nightingale. (b) Nightingale's song.
(c) The imagination. (d) An elf.

9 'I will drink life to the lees' means Ulysses will keep _____.

- (a) Ruling. (b) Drinking.
(c) Exploring. (d) Living.

10 _____ are combined in the phrase 'his slow-chapped power'.

- (a) Personification and simile. (b) Metaphor and hyperbole.
(c) Hyperbole and simile. (d) Metaphor and personification.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

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

- 11 Why did grandfather shoot at a policeman ?
- 12 Why did Col. Merton ask Hughie for 10,000 pounds ?
- 13 What kind of a life did Mohanlal lead for five years in England ?
- 14 'But I have had my revenge at last'. What is the revenge in 'The Luncheon' ?
- 15 Why are the Magi 'no longer at ease' after their journey ?
- 16 What is the reference to the funeral pyres in 'A Summer Poem' ?
- 17 What did the Duke dislike about his Duchess ?
- 18 What has the nightingale 'never known' in its life ?
- 19 What is the reference to Happy Isles in 'Ulysses' ?
- 20 Under what condition does the coyness of the mistress refuse to be a crime ?
- 21 According to the poem 'On His Blindness', who serves God best ?
- 22 Explain the reference to Meade and Stonewall Jackson in Thurber's story.

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

- 23 Sketch the character of the poet based on a reading of 'On His Blindness'.
- 24 Explain the image of 'amorous birds of prey' in 'To His Coy Mistress'.
- 25 How does Ulysses describe Telemachus ?
- 26 Explain the lines : 'fancy cannot cheat so well/As she is famed to do...'
- 27 Explain the significance of the statue of Neptune in 'My Last Duchess' ?
- 28 How does the Magus describe the journey to Bethlehem ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

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

- 29 How does the story 'The Luncheon' turn out to be humorous ?
- 30 Bring out the contrast between Mohanlal and his wife.
- 31 Explain the significance of Alan Trevor in the life of Hughie Erskine.
- 32 What makes 'The Night The Ghost Got In' a very gripping story ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)