

THIRD SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 3B 02/DMENG 3B 02—READING FICTION

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

- 1 When the novel *The Old Man and the Sea* opens, how many days had it been since Santiago last caught a fish ?
 - (a) 3.
 - (b) 48.
 - (c) 77.
 - (d) 84.
- 2 Which of the following never hung on Santiago's wall ?
 - (a) Tinted photograph of his wife.
 - (b) Picture of the Virgin of Cobre.
 - (c) Picture of sacred heart of Jesus.
 - (d) Picture of Fidel Castro.
- 3 How does Santiago finally kill the marlin ?
 - (a) He harpoons it through the heart.
 - (b) He stabs it between the eyes.
 - (c) He lashes it to the inside of the boat.
 - (d) He bashes its head with his club.
- 4 Human greed and meddling with the natural order of things is the main theme of _____.
 - (a) Misery.
 - (b) The Phoenix.
 - (c) Miss Brill.
 - (d) Of White Hairs and Cricket.
- 5 The reoccurrence of cricket in "Of White Hairs and Cricket" symbolizes _____.
 - (a) Love of sport.
 - (b) World of competition.
 - (c) Longing to be a child again.
 - (d) Patriotism.

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- 6 Where did Old Jerome Warren's brother Dick go to seek out a fortune ?
- (a) Australia. (b) India.
(c) West. (d) East.
- 7 Why don't the Loiseles tell Mme. Forestier that the necklace has been lost ?
- (a) They fear Mme. Forestier will mock them.
(b) They do not care what anyone thinks of them.
(c) The minister advises M. Loisel not to tell the truth.
(d) They are ashamed to admit their carelessness.
- 8 What is Miss Brill's profession ?
- (a) English teacher. (b) Gardener.
(c) Tourist guide. (d) Housewife.
- 9 What was the name of the sledge driver's son in "Misery" ?
- (a) Dmitri. (b) Maxim.
(c) Michel. (d) Kuzmalonitch.
- 10 How many days did Potapov's son lie in the hospital for ?
- (a) Three days. (b) One day.
(c) A week. (d) A month.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences :

- 11 How does Santiago consider the sea ?
- 12 How is the inevitability of aging shown through the story "Of White Hairs and Cricket" ?
- 13 Bring out the suspense in the story "Schools and Schools".
- 14 Why did Mathilde feel uncomfortable when married to Mr. Loisel ?
- 15 What was the change in Kersi by the end of the story ?
- 16 What does Kersi's grandmother hate ?
- 17 Why was the phoenix tortured so much ?
- 18 What was Iona sad about ?

- 19 What was special about Miss Brill's stole ?
- 20 What excuses does Nevada make to Jerome and Barbara in order not to read Gilbert's letters ?
- 21 How did Mathilde react to the invitation to the party ?
- 22 What is a folktale ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words each :

- 23 Write short notes on novel as a form of fiction.
- 24 Attempt the character sketch of Santiago.
- 25 Comment on the role of the necklace in the life of the Loisels.
- 26 Who are the people Miss Brill sees in the park ?
- 27 What are Santiago's thoughts about baseball and other games ?
- 28 What kind of a person was Old Jerome Warren ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

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

- 29 Consider "The Phoenix" as a satire on the human need to see strange things and disordering the natural phenomenon.
- 30 "Of White Hairs and Cricket" is a sad reminder of mortality. Justify.
- 31 Write a note on Hemingway's style with special reference to *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- 32 "There is a deceptiveness of Appearance in the story". Refer closely to the story "Diamond Necklace" and justify the statement.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)