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FIRST SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course—English

ENG 1A 01—THE FOUR SKILLS FOR COMMUNICATION

(2014—2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following *ten* bunches of questions :

- 1 Canadian English belongs to _____ variety of English.
(a) British. (b) American.
(c) African. (d) Canadian
- 2 Communication with oneself is called _____.
(a) Interpersonal. (b) Intrapersonal.
(c) Extrapersonal. (d) Mass communication.
- 3 Voice modulation is also called _____.
(a) Haptics. (b) Paralanguage.
(c) Proxemics. (d) Sign language
- 4 Choose the correctly stressed word from the options given below :
(a) |capacity. (b) ca | pacity.
(c) capa| city. (d) capaci | ty.
- 5 Identify the diphthong in the word 'shame'.
(a) /ai/ (b) /ei/.
(c) /iə/. (d) /əi/.
- 6 How many syllables are there in the word 'remarkable' ?
(a) Three. (b) Two.
(c) Four. (d) Five.

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- 7 The past participle form of 'fly' is :
- (a) Flew. (b) Flown.
(c) Fly. (d) None of these.
- 8 What kind of sentence is the following ? "Do you want to have ice cream or cakes ?"
- (a) Declarative. (b) Interrogative.
(c) Imperative. (d) Exclamatory.
- 9 Fill up the blanks with the most suitable verb form :
- One of the authors _____ to attend the seminar.
- (a) Planning. (b) Plan.
(c) Plans. (d) None of these.
- 10 Which of the following is the definite article ?
- (a) The. (b) A.
(c) An. (d) Both (b) and (c).

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

11. Answer in a sentence or two any ten questions :

- 11 What is meant by Proxemics ?
- 12 What is formal language ?
- 13 What is hearing ?
- 14 Write two expressions for requesting.
- 15 What information does a byline convey ?
- 16 What is official letter ?
- 17 What is a blog ?
- 18 What is IPA ?
- 19 What is a syllable ?
- 20 What is a sentence ?
- 21 What is complimentary close ?
- 22 What does the idiom "hold one's tongue" mean ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

- 23 What are the differences between oral and written communication ?
- 24 Mention a few tips to ensure effective listening at lectures.
- 25 Which are the two types of paragraphs ?
- 26 Which are the different parts of a project report ?
- 27 Mention a few tips to make business letters more impressive and communicative.
- 28 Standard English.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* questions, each in about 300 words :

- 29 Compose a model business letter.
- 30 Write an essay on the features of human language.
- 31 Describe the advantages of using email. How can one make emails reader-friendly ?
- 32 How can one become a good blogger ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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Common Course—English

ENG 1A 01—TRANSACTIONS : ESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS
(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part I (Speaking Skills)

I. Read the following and choose the correct options for any six :

1 Which among the following is a suggestion ?

- (a) Please finish the paper valuation by the 15th at the latest.
- (b) Your phone battery is low. You might want to charge it.
- (c) Can you please give me your pen for a moment?
- (d) When is the next train to Kozhikode ?

2 Which among the following is the politest way of refusing a dinner invitation ?

- (a) No. I cannot come.
- (b) I have better things to do on Friday night.
- (c) I am sorry but I won't be in town on Friday night.
- (d) Thanks so much for the invitation, but I am sorry, I will be out of town on Friday night.

3 Which among the following sentences is an appropriate way of persuading somebody to do something ?

- (a) I think you would enjoy doing it and gain from the experience.
- (b) Do it, man !
- (c) Could you please do it ?
- (d) You would be a fool not to do it.

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- 4 Which of the following is another way of saying "I am fine" ?
- (a) I am doing okay. (b) I am good.
(c) I am going on. (d) Great !
- 5 Which among the following most clearly expresses a preference ?
- (a) I would rather have chapattis than rice.
(b) It is better to eat chapattis.
(c) I don't want to eat rice.
(d) Why don't you try chapattis today ?
- 6 Which of these is NOT a way of asking someone to repeat what they have said ?
- (a) Would you mind repeating what you have just said ?
(b) Come again ?
(c) Eh ?
(d) I beg your pardon ?
- 7 "I am really sorry for coming late." is :
- (a) A request. (b) An order.
(c) An expression of regret. (d) An excuse.

(6 × ½ = 3 marks)

II. Given below is a brief telephone conversation. Match the sentences in Column A with their correct responses in Column B :

- | <i>Column A</i> | <i>Column B</i> |
|---|---|
| 8 Mohammed. His classmate | (a) Hello ! |
| 9 May I speak to Akash ? | (b) Please let me repeat the number and see if I have got it right... 9446738120. |
| 10 Oh ! That's kind of him! When will he be back home ? | (c) He has gone for his Physics tuition class.
May I know who is calling ? |

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|--|--|
| 11 That would be lovely ! | (d) Not at all ! It's my pleasure ! |
| 12 Sure ! 94467 38120. | (e) Round about 6 : 00 P.M. but we can't be sure. Shall I ask him to call you back ? |
| 13 Yes ! Perfectly right ! Thank you so much ! | (f) Oh ! Mohammed ! Glad to speak to you ! Akash mentions you quite often. |
| 14 Hello ! | (g) I will do that. May I have your number please ? |
| 15 Bye ! | (h) Goodbye ! |

(8 × ½ = 4 marks)

III. From the given situations, choose any *two* and make up a short dialogue (not less than six exchanges).

16 Speakers : Michel and Manoharan

Situation : Michel is a tourist from France visiting Kerala for the first time. Manoharan is an employee of the Kerala Tourist Development Corporation who is in-charge of the Tourist Helpdesk at the Kozhikode airport. Michel needs help in planning his all-Kerala trip and Manoharan tries to find out his interests (e.g. beaches, forts, ayurvedic treatment, hill/ forest stay, etc.) and give him advice.

17 Speakers : Student and teacher :

Situation : A student has just bunked ('cut') a class and on the corridors of the college he meets the teacher whose class he has just bunked.

18 Speakers : Two wheeler rider, Altaf and a traffic policeman :

Situation : Altaf is stopped by a policeman for license checking. He does not have his license.

(2 × 3 = 6 marks)

Turn over

IV. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences to get correct expressions used for interrupting somebody and expressing disagreement with them :

19 would/ don't/ if/ you/ I / like/ to/ a/ mind/ point/ here/ make/.

20 another/ looking/ of/ is/ way/ at/ this/ issue/ there /./

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

Part II (Pronunciation)

I. Read the following questions and choose the correct options :

21 The first sound in the word *amount* is a ——— vowel.

(a) Pure.

(b) Diphthong.

(c) Glide.

(d) None of the above.

22 The sound /z/ occurs in :

(a) Kiss.

(b) Rice.

(c) Hasn't.

(d) Sing.

23 In the word *conduct* in 'Conduct Certificate' the stress falls on the ——— syllable.

(a) Third.

(b) First.

(c) Last.

(d) Second.

24 The final sound in *day* is a ———.

(a) Vowel.

(b) Consonant.

(c) Monophthong.

(d) Diphthong.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

II. Identify the sounds of letters *shown in bold* and write their transcription :

25 **same**.

26 **big**.

27 **arrive**.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

III. Complete the following sentences correctly :

- 28 In the word *conduct* in 'conduct an exam' the stress falls on the _____ syllable.
- 29 Mother Tongue Interference or MTI is also called _____ interference.
- 30 The silent sound in the word *buffet* in 'buffet lunch' is _____.
- 31 Malayali speakers tend to replace the sound $|z|$ in *zoo* with the sound _____.
- 32 Malayali speakers tend to replace the sound $/p/$ in *simple* with the sound _____.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Part III (Grammar)

I. Choose the correct sentences from those given :

- 33 (a) I don't sure about the examination dates.
 (b) I am not knowing about the examination dates.
 (c) I am not sure about the examination dates.
- 34 (a) Let us discuss this topic tomorrow.
 (b) Let us discuss over this topic tomorrow.
 (c) Let us discuss about this topic tomorrow.
- 35 (a) I am elder than you, so you should respect me.
 (b) I am elder to you, so you should respect me.
 (c) I am older than you, so you should respect me.
- 36 (a) There was a uniformed watchman at the college gate.
 (b) There was a uniformed watcher at the college gate.
 (c) There was a uniformed security at the college gate.

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

Turn over

II. Complete the following sentences correctly :

37 *I just used the wash room.* The verb in the given sentence is _____.

38 *It is a big novel but I will finish reading it in a week.* The tense of the sentence is _____.

39 If you have only brothers, your answer to questions about your sister would be "I _____ no sister."

40 Write a sentence that expresses an apology for something.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

III. Nisha goes to a restaurant to have her dinner. She asks the waiter some questions and he gives her the answers shown below. Write down any *four* of her questions :

41 We use pure vegetable oil for cooking all our items.

42 We accept payment via all major credit and debit cards.

43 We can give you bottled water but even the regular water here is purified.

44 Sorry Ma'am. We don't serve any beef or pork dishes here.

45 Yes Ma'am. We accept party orders for twenty or more people.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

IV. Re-order any *four* of the following jumbled sentences :

46 conducted/ will/ the/ be/ third/ exams/. / in/ semester/ January/

47 guideline/ the/ examiners/ has/ sent/ to/ to/ papers/ value/ . / the/ been/ answer/ liberally/ a

48 Kerala/. / hundreds/ of/ from/ Year/ various/ come/ to/ to/ celebrate/ their/ New/ countries/ tourists/

49 up/ pilgrims/ information/ have/ set/ centres/ at/ Sabarimala/ all/ railway/ stations/ been/ to/ help/ to/. /

50 the/ Palakkad/ reaches/ Express/ at/ 6:00/ Kerala/ AM/. /

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

V. Rewrite the following sentences correctly :

- 51 Marks is finite but knowledge is infinite.
- 52 One of the accident victims need to be hospitalized.
- 53 She has coming to class in everyday since June.
- 54 You don't leave for the station at once, you will miss the train.

(4 × 1½ = 6 marks)

Part IV (Reading)

In the final part of my novel *The Hungry Tide*, there is a scene in which a cyclone sends a gigantic storm surge into the Sunderbans. The wave results in the death of one of the principal characters, who gives his life protecting another.

This scene was extraordinarily difficult to write. In preparation for it I combed through a great deal of material on catastrophic waves—storm surges as well as tsunamis. In the process, as often happens in writing fiction, the plight of the book's characters, as they faced the wave, became frighteningly real.

The Hungry Tide was published in the summer of 2004. A few months after its publication, on the night of 25 December, I was back in my family home in Kolkata. The next morning, on logging onto the web, I learned that a cataclysmic tsunami had been set off by a massive undersea earthquake in the Indian Ocean. Measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale, the quake's epicentre lay between the northernmost tip of Sumatra and the southernmost island in the Andaman and Nicobar chain. Although the full extent of the catastrophe was not yet known, it was already clear that the toll in human lives would be immense.

The news had a deeply unsettling effect on me : the images that had been implanted in my mind during the writing of *The Hungry Tide* merged with live television footage of the tsunami in a way that was almost overwhelming. I became frantic; I could not focus on anything.

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A couple of days later, I wrote to a newspaper and obtained a commission to write about the impact of the tsunami on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. My first stop was the islands' capital city, Port Blair, which was thronged with refugees but had not suffered much damage itself: its location, above a sheltered cove, had protected it. After spending a few days there, I was able to board an Indian Air Force plane that was carrying supplies to one of the worst affected of the Nicobar Islands.

Unlike the Andamans, which rise steeply from the sea, the Nicobars are low-lying islands. Being situated close to the quake's epicentre, they had been very badly hit; many settlements had been razed. I visited a shoreside town called Malacca that had been reduced literally to its foundations: of the houses only the floors were left, and here and there the stump of a wall. It was as though the place had been hit by a bomb that had been designed specifically to destroy all things human—for one of the strangest aspects of the scene was that the island's coconut palms were largely unaffected; they stood serenely amid the rubble, their fronds waving gently in the breeze that was blowing in from the sparkling, Sun-drenched sea.

I wrote in my notebook: 'The damage was limited to a half-mile radius along the shore. In the island's interior everything is tranquil, peaceful -indeed astonishingly beautiful. There are patches of tall, dark primary forest, beautiful padauk trees, and among these, little clearings, huts built on stilts. . . One of the ironies of the situation was that the most upwardly mobile people of the island were living at its edges.'

Such was the pattern of settlement here that the indigenous islanders lived mainly in the interior: they were largely unaffected by the tsunami. Those who had settled along the seashore, on the other hand, were mainly people from the mainland, many of whom were educated and middle-class: in settling where they had, they had silently expressed their belief that highly improbable events do not belong in the real world but in fantasy. In other words, even here, in a place about as far removed as possible from the metropolitan centres that have shaped middle class lifestyles, the pattern of settlement had come to reflect the uniformitarian expectations that are rooted in the 'regularity of bourgeois life'.

At the air force base where my plane had landed there was another, even more dramatic, illustration of this. The functional parts of the base—where the planes and the machinery were kept—were located in the rear, well away from the water. The living areas, comprised of pretty little two-storey houses, were built much closer to the sea, at the edge of a beautiful palm-fringed beach. As always in military matters, the protocols of rank were strictly observed: the higher the rank of the officers, the closer the houses were to the water and the better the view that they and their families enjoyed.

Such was the design of the base that when the tsunami struck these houses the likelihood of survival was small, and inasmuch as it existed at all, it was in inverse relation to rank: the commander's house was thus the first to be hit.

(Source : **The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable** by Amitav Ghosh).

I. Read the following sentences and tick the correct answer :

- 55 The novel *The Hungry Tide* was published in the summer of 2004. True/ False/ Not given.
- 56 The Nicobar Islands rise steeply from the sea. True/ False/ Not given.
- 57 Amitav Ghosh's most popular novel is *The Glass Palace*. True/ False/ Not given.
- 58 The town of Malacca did not suffer much damage in the tsunami. True/ False/ Not given.
- 59 The junior officers of the air force had the houses closest to the sea. True/ False/ Not given.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

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II. Read the sentences given below and choose the best answer :

60 Such was the design of the base that when the tsunami struck these houses the likelihood of survival was small, and inasmuch as it existed at all, it was in inverse relation to rank: the commander's house was thus the first to be hit. The pronoun 'it' in this sentence refers to :

- (a) The design of the base. (b) The tsunami.
(c) The likelihood of survival. (d) None of the above.

61 Unlike the Andamans, which rise steeply from the sea, the Nicobars are low-lying islands. In this sentence "which" refers to :

- (a) The Andaman islands. (b) The sea.
(c) Both groups of islands. (d) The Nicobar islands.

62 It was as though the place had been hit by a bomb that had been designed specifically to destroy all things human ... In this sentence "the place" refers to :

- (a) The Andaman and Nicobar chain.
(b) The Nicobar Islands alone.
(c) Malacca.
(d) None of the above.

63 The city of Port Blair had not suffered much damage due to the tsunami because :

- (a) It was too far away from the epicentre of the earthquake.
(b) It was surrounded by strong sea walls.
(c) Its location above a sheltered cove protected it.
(d) All of the above.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

III. Re-read the passage and try to guess the meanings of the following words *in the given context*.
Circle the right options.

64 Gigantic :

- (a) Cyclonic.
- (b) Tidal.
- (c) Earthquake.
- (d) Unimaginably large.

65 Principal :

- (a) Head of a college.
- (b) Amount of money borrowed.
- (c) Main.
- (d) Princely.

66 Catastrophic :

- (a) Very disastrous.
- (b) Relating to the tropics.
- (c) Caused by an undersea earthquake.
- (d) Dangerous.

67 Razed :

- (a) Cut with a razor.
- (b) Past tense of the word 'raise'.
- (c) Destroyed completely.
- (d) Erased.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

IV. Circle the correct answer :

68 Amitav Ghosh is a ——— by profession.

- (a) Writer.
- (b) Cyclone expert.
- (c) Seismologist (earthquake expert).
- (d) Air force officer.

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69 The indigenous islanders of the Nicobars were largely unaffected by the tsunami because...

- (a) They had an early warning system.
- (b) They were good swimmers.
- (c) None of them was in the air force.
- (d) Their houses were located mostly in the interior of the islands.

70 The people who had houses on the seashore were ...

- (a) Settlers from Sumatra.
- (b) Coast Guard officers.
- (c) People from the Indian mainland.
- (d) Refugees.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

V. Answer the following questions in one or two complete sentences :

71 Why did the author feel disturbed and unsettled after writing the cyclone scene of his novel, *The Hungry Tide* ?

72 Why were the Nicobar Islands more affected by the tsunami ?

(2 × 2 = 4 marks)

Part V (Vocabulary)

I. Match the words in Column A with the words in Column B :

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| 73 Bachelor's | (a) Warrior. |
| 74 Colourful | (b) Cause. |
| 75 Mighty | (c) Degree. |
| 76 Noble | (d) Feast. |
| 77 Sumptuous | (e) Dress. |

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the box to fill in the blanks below. You have to use them in the correct tense form :

come across
bring about
see through
take over
sum up

78 I ——— an old friend at the railway station today.

79 The judge asked the lawyer to ——— the facts of the case.

80 When her father grew old she ——— the family business.

81 The smart phone has ——— a sea change in the way we communicate with each other.

82 He is very cunning but I can ——— his lies.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

III. Choose the correct meanings of the idiomatic expressions used in the following sentences :—

83 The college day was *round the corner*. So, we started spending more hours for rehearsal :

(a) Staged in the corner.

(b) Very near.

(c) After a week.

(d) None of the above.

84 Her house is *a stone's throw* from the railway station :

(a) One mile.

(b) Very far.

(c) Very near.

(d) None of the above.

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85 The Head of the Department is *even handed* in the way he distributes work :

- (a) Impartial. (b) Selective.
(c) Uses his hands. (d) Both (b) and (c).

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

IV. Choose one phrasal verb and one idiom each and make your own sentences :

86 Pass the buck/be in the limelight.

87 Call off/step down.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks) 33

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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.

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- 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*.

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English

ENG 1A 02—WAYS WITH WORDS : LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. (A) Choose the correct answer from the options :

1 To whom does the poet say "Don't stand in the doorway/Don't block up the hall" ?

- (a) Writers and critics. (b) Senators and Congressmen.
(c) Mothers and fathers. (d) None of these.

2 Who among the following was a trustee of the Universal Spiritualist Association ?

- (a) Marcus Aurelius. (b) Charles Mackay.
(c) M. Lamar Keene. (d) Harry Houdini.

3 What is the shake of the bellies of the old folks compared to ?

- (a) The sea. (b) Tambourines.
(c) A balloon. (d) Water beds.

4 Who was Mr. Maloney ?

- (a) A Security personnel. (b) A spy.
(c) An FBI agent. (d) A detective.

5 Who is the writer cousin of Miss Cornelia ?

- (a) Thelma Peterson. (b) Cecil Tutwiler Bates.
(c) Thomas Nelson Page. (d) Johan Julius Sibelius.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

(B) Answer *all* the following questions in a word or a phrase :

6 How did the fruits become "holey" ?

7 _____ is known as the first Modernist poet of Anglophone Africa.

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- 8 Maugham's "An Appointment in Samarra" is included at the end of the work _____.
- 9 Many of the belief systems at the edge or fringe of science are not subject to crisp _____.
- 10 "But one day something happened that changed everything." What happened ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* from the following in one or two sentences :

- 11 Who are the beneficent beasts of 'prey' and 'greedy good doers' ?
- 12 Upon what does the success of science depend ?
- 13 What is the 'wailful choir' described by Keats in Stanza III ?
- 14 What has the poet forgotten and what is his desire ?
- 15 Who is a 'dark horse' and who is the 'dark horse' mentioned in the play ?
- 16 When Jerome hears of his father's accident from his house master, how does he imagine his father has died ?
- 17 Why is Lucas' peer described as 'eccentric' ?
- 18 Why did Mum toot the horns of the car on Wednesday mornings, when she was out on the road ?
- 19 What is apostasy ?
- 20 What is 'the best and worst of remembering' ?
- 21 What does the line "the first now will later be last" imply ?
- 22 What does the poet ask the writers and critics ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

23. "Old Folks Laugh" is a celebration of old age. Elucidate.
24. Why does the poet call death 'dear and painless' ?
25. Describe Jerome's inner conflict about his father's death and his attempts to overcome them.
26. "Once Upon a Time" as a commentary on the hypocrisies of society.

27. How does Sagan distinguish between those who promote borderline belief systems and those who accept them ?
28. Explain the significance of the title 'Lamb to the Slaughter'.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 29 Bob Dylan's poem "The Times- They-are-A-Changing" is a poem of protest. Comment.
- 30 In *Something Unspoken*, Tennessee Williams deftly depicts Miss Cornelia's pretension to self importance and pomposity, and her inability to establish any spontaneous and expressive relationship with others. Elucidate.
- 31 Discuss the emergence of science as a primary means of penetrating the secrets of the universe and as a self correcting character.
- 32 Analyze the poem "A Roadside Stand" as a critique of modernization.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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)

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

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course

ENG 2A 04—READINGS ON SOCIETY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the questions by choosing the right options given below :

- 1 Which disease has gone up for women and children according to the National Family Health Survey ?
 - (a) Hepatitis.
 - (b) Lukemia.
 - (c) Anaemia.
 - (d) Tuberculosis.
- 2 Name the book written by Amy Chua :
 - (a) White Tiger.
 - (b) World on Fire.
 - (c) The Fall of a Sparrow.
 - (d) The Serpent and the Rope.
- 3 In which of the following places do we find the dry arid climate ?
 - (a) Guwahati.
 - (b) Shimla.
 - (c) Chandigadh.
 - (d) Jaiselmer.
- 4 Who is known as the 'Birdman of India' ?
 - (a) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
 - (b) Dr. B R Ambedkar.
 - (c) Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
 - (d) Dr. Salim Ali.
- 5 Which of the following is a direct outcome of deforestation ?
 - (a) Increase in wild life.
 - (b) Population explosion.
 - (c) Lesser rainfall.
 - (d) Increase in mortality rate.
- 6 Approximately one thousand years ago, the temperature of the _____ region was higher than it is today.
 - (a) West Asia.
 - (b) North Polar.
 - (c) Sub Sahara.
 - (d) South America.

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- 7 Whose story was narrated to the widow when she was a child by her father ?
- (a) Cinderella. (b) Aesop.
(c) *Panchathantra*. (d) Arabian Nights.
- 8 In which year did Amartya Sen receive the Nobel Prize ?
- (a) 1989. (b) 1984.
(c) 1998. (d) 1991.
- 9 What was the job of Ashok ?
- (a) Medical Officer in the ship. (b) Captain in the ship.
(c) Receptionist at Naval Hospital. (d) Radio Operator in Navy.
- 10 What was the happy occasion for Kochu Rappai and other family members in September 2013 ?
- (a) 60th Birthday celebration. (b) Visit to the amusement Park.
(c) Opening of the new shop. (d) Wedding Anniversary.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

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

- 11 What is the agenda of the World Bank ?
- 12 Explicate the term 'culture'.
- 13 How does the *Sruthi* view self gratification and renunciation ?
- 14 Define Ecological Balance.
- 15 What has happened to the pinheaded duck in India ?
- 16 How does Federov define climate ?
- 17 What led to the extinction of the human settlements in Greenland ?
- 18 What is the public humiliation the widow is forced to undergo ?
- 19 What do you mean by "gainful" employment ?
- 20 Explain the title "More than 100 Million Women Are Missing".
- 21 What was the shocking news that the Doctor delivered to Ashok in the hospital ?
- 22 How does Kochu Rappai become a special person ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

- 23 What are the problems of seed replacement ?
- 24 What are the different types of climate one can experience while travelling across India ?
- 25 The distribution of the Great Indian Rhinoceros.
- 26 Describe the widow's family.
- 27 How can "gainful" employment uplift women ?
- 28 Ashok's life in the hospital.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

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

- 29 Describe the types of diversities in India that Dr. Rajendra Prasad points out in his essay ?
- 30 What are the effects of human existence on nature ?
- 31 Make a critical assessment of the protagonist in the story 'Widow'.
- 32 Examine how apt is the title "Stigma, Shame and Silence" for Ashok's story.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

SECOND SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2018**(CUCBCSS—UG)****ENG 2A 03—WRITING FOR ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS****Time : Three Hours****Maximum : 80 Marks****I. Answer the following questions :****A. Choose the correct answer :****1 Academic writing demands :**

- (a) Self-expression. (b) Objectivity.
(c) Personal feelings. (d) Replication.

2 APA stands for :

- (a) American Psychological Association.
(b) American Physics Association.
(c) American Psychiatry Association.
(d) Asian Psychology Association.

3 The introductory paragraph provides :

- (a) The background information.
(b) The thesis statement.
(c) An outline statements.
(d) All of the above.

4 One statement that is not true about a Curriculum Vitae (CV) is _____.

- (a) That it is a full record of one's career.
(b) That the word is of Latin origin.
(c) That it is only one-page long.
(d) That it is static.

5 A narrative writing should be arranged _____.

- (a) Analytically. (b) Chronologically.
(c) Spatially. (d) Theoretically.

B. Fill in the Blanks :

- 6 _____ university insists the use of its own style guide for academic writing.
- 7 _____ is a rhetorical form used to explain the correlation between reasons and results.
- 8 _____ is a way of explaining a word or a phrase.
- 9 An ellipsis (or omission) is indicated by a series of _____ periods.
- 10 _____ provides information from more people within a short period.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

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

- 11 What are the steps involved in academic writing ?
- 12 What do you mean by blind peer reviewing ?
- 13 What are the main genres of academic writing ?
- 14 What is the structure of a research paper ?
- 15 State the benefits of employing third person perspective in academic presentations.
- 16 Illustrate the role of body paragraphs in an essay.
- 17 What are the characteristics of a concluding paragraph ?
- 18 Give examples for texting language in English.
- 19 What do you mean by a fragment in writing ? How can it be avoided ?
- 20 Define 'academic integrity'.
- 21 Mention the purpose of issuing a memo. What are the steps involved in the drafting of a memo ?
- 22 Differentiate between a CV and a Resume.

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

- 23 What is the significance of free writing as a pre-requisite for academic writing ?
- 24 Write a brief note on the role of dissertation and thesis.
- 25 What are the steps involved in the planning of an essay.
- 26 Examine the importance of 'voice' in academic writing.
- 27 Write a report of the cultural activities of your college during the current academic year.
- 28 Write a brief review of a smart phone that you purchased recently.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

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

- 29 Illustrate the features of argumentative essays.
- 30 Write a five-paragraph essay on any *one* of the following topics employing the rules and techniques of academic writing :
- (a) The emergence of India as a world leader.
 - (b) The ban on campus politics.
 - (c) The weakening ties between man and nature.
- 31 Write a review of a film that you watched recently.
- 32 Prepare a cover letter and a resume to apply for the post of Finance Officer in a corporate company.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

SECOND SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2018

(CUCBCSS—UG)

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. (A) Answer *all* the following questions by choosing the correct answer :

- 1 The Constitution of India derives its authority from ———.

 - (a) The Constituent Assembly.
 - (b) The Drafting Committee.
 - (c) The People of India.
 - (d) None of these.

- 2 What is *Zamindar* in “Toba Tek Singh” ?

 - (a) A Newspaper.
 - (b) A Magazine.
 - (c) A Journal.
 - (d) A Book.

- 3 Which of the following is not a work by Tagore ?

 - (a) *Geetanjali*.
 - (b) *Geetimalya*.
 - (c) *Savitri*.
 - (d) *Manasi*.

- 4 In which language did Chief Seattle make his speech ?

 - (a) French.
 - (b) English.
 - (c) Lushootseed.
 - (d) Spanish.

- 5 What does Aaron recognize from his stay in the haystack ?

 - (a) Zlateh must be sold for the good of the family.
 - (b) Zlateh is a troublesome creature.
 - (c) Zlateh is his friend and cannot be sold.
 - (d) All of these.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

(B) Answer *all* the following questions in a word or phrase :

- 6 In which year did Rabindranath Tagore win the Nobel Prize for literature ?
- 7 Who released *Poems* by Gieve Patel ?
- 8 Who was the author of *Jane Eyre* ?
- 9 Who told Mrs. Mallard of her husband’s death in veiled hints ?
- 10 Who is the trans woman shot dead by the police in Baltimore ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Turn over

- II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in a sentence or two. Each question carries 2 marks :
- 11 Why do the inventors of atom bombs love violence ?
 - 12 What was the response of the Anglo-Indian inmates of the asylym, when they realized the English had given Hindustan freedom ?
 - 13 What does Seattle say about the cities of the white man ?
 - 14 Comment on the opening line of the poem "On Killing a Tree".
 - 15 What did Aaron do for breathing inside the haystack ?
 - 16 Mention one of the devastating weaknesses of the university learning, according to Rich.
 - 17 How was the outside world described, after Mrs. Mallard heard the news of her husband's death ?
 - 18 Who was Mya Hall ?
 - 19 Explain : 'If we let them in, they will steal our daily bread.'
 - 20 'We sat like owls watching them.' What were they watching ?
 - 21 Why couldn't the narrator go often to the court to follow the trial of her potential husband ?
 - 22 Why does a person who has just won a lottery jump with joy ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

- III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words. Each question carries 5 marks :
- 23 The significance of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.
 - 24 Comment on the ending of "Toba Tek Singh".
 - 25 Images of Colonialism in "Freedom".
 - 26 Comment on the passion and feelings conveyed in Seattle's speech.
 - 27 Why is it not an easy job to kill a tree ?
 - 28 Compare the character of Zlateh and Aaron.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

- IV. Write essays on any *two* of the following questions in 300 words. Each question carries 15 marks :
- 29 Consider lunacy as a metaphor of communalism.
 - 30 Chief Seattle's speech is a powerful plea for respect of Native Americans' rights and environmental values. Substantiate.
 - 31 Critically evaluate Adrienne Rich's concept of education.
 - 32 Kate Chopin's "The Story of an Hour" deals with the forbidden joy of independence. Elucidate.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)