

THIRD SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019

(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 What does the reoccurrence of cricket in "Of White Hairs and Cricket" symbolize ?
 - (a) Love of sport.
 - (b) World of competition.
 - (c) Longing to be a child again.
 - (d) Patriotism.
- 2 Where did Old Jerome Warren's brother Dick go to seek out a fortune ?
 - (a) Australia.
 - (b) India.
 - (c) West.
 - (d) East.
- 3 The story *The Diamond Necklace* is told from the _____.
 - (a) Third-person.
 - (b) First-person point of view.
 - (c) Omniscient third person point of view.
 - (d) Second-person point of view.
- 4 Hemingway says everything about Santiago is old except what ?
 - (a) His neck.
 - (b) His hands.
 - (c) His eyes.
 - (d) His legs.
- 5 Who is Santiago's favorite baseball player ?
 - (a) Lou Gehrig.
 - (b) Joe DiMaggio.
 - (c) Babe Ruth.
 - (d) Jackie Robinson.
- 6 Where did Lord Strawberry get the phoenix from ?
 - (a) England.
 - (b) France.
 - (c) Arabia.
 - (d) India.

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- 7 What is Miss Brill's favourite Sunday pastime ?
- (a) Bike riding. (b) Strolling.
(c) Eavesdropping. (d) Painting outdoors.
- 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 do the other fishermen greet Santiago ? Why ?
- 13 How did Iona's different passengers respond to his grief ?
- 14 What is the suspense in the story "Schools and Schools".
- 15 What does Kersi's grandmother hate ?
- 16 What kind of a person was Old Jerome Warren ?
- 17 How did Mathilde react to the invitation to the party ?
- 18 What was the favourite possession of Miss Brill ?
- 19 Bring out the irony in "The Phoenix".
- 20 Why can't the narrator's father find a job in the story "Of White Hairs and Cricket" ?
- 21 Why was Kersi unhappy on Sunday mornings ?
- 22 Define short story.

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

- 23 Attempt the character sketch of Mr. Loisel.
- 24 How did cricket become only a memory or a longing in "Of White Hairs and Cricket" ?
- 25 Write notes on the various types of fiction.
- 26 How does the story "Miss Brill" employ the stream of consciousness technique ?
- 27 What excuses does Nevada make to Jerome and Barbara in order not to read Gilbert's letters ?
- 28 What are Santiago's thoughts about baseball and other games ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

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

- 29 "Of White Hairs and Cricket" is a sad reminder of mortality. Justify.
- 30 "There is a deceptiveness of Appearance in the story". Refer closely to the story "Diamond Necklace" and justify the statement.
- 31 Consider "The Phoenix" as a satire on the human need to see strange things and disordering the natural phenomenon.
- 32 Bring out the symbolism implied in the struggle of the old man against the sea in the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)