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**II Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A./B.B.A. T.T.M./B.B.M./B.C.A./B.S.W.
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COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH
2A04 ENG : Reading Literatures in English**

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Weightage: 30

- I. Write an essay of about **200** words in answer to **any one** of the following :
- 1) How does the system of education followed at Miss Beam's school for sympathy train children to love and help each other ?
 - 2) Nehru's school and college studies in England in the days of anti-British movements in India. **(Weightage : 4)**
- II. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following :
- 3) All earthly glory is transient. How far is this true in relation to the poem *Ozymandias* ?
 - 4) Justify the title of the poem *Once Upon a Time*. **(Weightage : 4)**
- III. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following :
- 5) Analyse the thought process of Fedor Sigaev which leads him to the final decision against revenge.
 - 6) Describe the incidents that lead to the meeting between John and Lincoln. **(Weightage : 4)**
- IV. Annotate **any four** of the following in about **80** words :
- 7) Today/I am a Man/Isn't that good enough ?
 - 8) I stood watching the bones laugh/I could neither weep nor laugh.
 - 9) God is in heaven and all/Is right with this stinking world.
 - 10) I do not want my sons to undergo the trauma that I did.
 - 11) My general attitude to life at the time was a vague kind of cyrenaicism, partly natural to youth, partly the influence of Oscar Wilde and Walter Pater. **(Weightage : 4×2=8)**



V. Answer the **four** bunches of **four** questions **each** given below :

12) A) The book that influenced Nehru at Cambridge, *Asia and Europe*, was written by

- a) George Bernard Shaw b) Meredith Townsend
c) Lowes Dickinson d) Gandhiji

B) The worst day in the School for Sympathy was

- a) Blind b) Dumb c) Lame d) Fasting

C) According to the speaker in *Why I Want a Wife* a wife should

- a) Buy grocery b) Plan the menu
c) Cook d) Perform all these

D) To Kishori Amonkar music is

- a) Sadhana b) Pastime
c) Entertainment d) Business

13) A) In the poem London, on every face he meets he observes

- a) Confidence b) Hope
c) Strength d) Weakness

B) The English translation of the title *La Belle Dame Sans Merci* would be

- a) The beautiful, kind girl b) The ugly, hateful girl
c) The beautiful, unkind girl d) None of these

C) The theme of the poem *Ozymandias* is

- a) The importance of fame
b) The greatness of power
c) The transient nature of earthly glory
d) The glory of earthly achievements

D) The poet who wrote *The Pasture* is

- a) Keats b) Robert Frost c) Shelley d) Yeats

14) A) Fedor Sigaev went to a shop that sells

- a) Cosmetics b) Clothes c) Fire-arms d) Poison



- B) Sigaev thought of killing his wife's lover and committing suicide in order to
 - a) Let his wife live happily thereafter
 - b) Earn the sympathy of the society for her
 - c) Let her feel guilty and face the world's ridicule
 - d) None of these
 - C) In the fire-arm dealer's opinion the jury in Russia are
 - a) Partial to the seducer
 - b) Sympathetic to the cheated husband
 - c) In favour of the woman, in spite of her guilt
 - d) None of these is true
 - D) Revenge is sweet only when
 - a) One can see
 - b) One does not live to see it
 - c) One is not interested in seeing it
- 15) A) Antony says that Caesar used the ransom
- a) For his personal needs
 - b) To fill the public treasury
 - c) To make himself rich
 - d) None of these
- B) Brutus tells the Romans that Antony
- a) Had a role in killing Caesar
 - b) Was the main conspirator
 - c) Antony had no role in the killing
 - d) Antony was ambitious
- C) The news of John's meeting with the President reaches Mrs. Goucher through
- a) Mrs. Allen b) Mark c) Tom d) Spike
- D) Mark and Tom hear the President's speech
- a) Fully
 - b) not at all
 - c) Just the phrase 'I see clouds of ...'
 - d) Some sentences

(Weightage : 4×1=4)



VI. Answer **any six** of the following questions **each** in a sentence or **two** :

- 16) Why didn't Mark and Tom take John with them to see Lincoln ?
- 17) What idea do you form about the character of Brutus judging him by the speech ?
- 18) What does the avenger finally buy from the shop ?
- 19) What are the different faces that the poet wears as explained in the poem *Once Upon a Time* ?
- 20) Who is Ozymandias ?
- 21) What does Kalamandalam Gopi do immediately after performances ?
- 22) Name the different special days in *The School for Sympathy*.

(Weightage : 6x1=6)