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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.  
Degree (CCSS – Reg./Supple./Improv.) Examination, May 2014  
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)