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THIRD SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 3B 02/DMENG 3B 02—READING FICTION

(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

Time : 15 Minutes

Total No. of Questions : 20

Maximum : 20 Marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

1. This Question Paper carries Multiple Choice Questions from 1 to 20.
2. The candidate should check that the question paper supplied to him/her contains all the 20 questions in serial order.
3. Each question is provided with choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) having one correct answer. Choose the correct answer and enter it in the main answer-book.
4. The MCQ question paper will be supplied after the completion of the descriptive examination.

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1. In *Of Schools and Schools*, on the way to Gilbert's studio past midnight, Nevada is stopped by a policeman. Where does she tell him she is going?
 - (A) Drugstore.
 - (B) Church.
 - (C) Hospital.
 - (D) Relative's house.
2. In the story *The Diamond Necklace* Mathilde envies the social class and wealth of others because _____.
 - (A) She was born wealthy but wants to be even wealthier.
 - (B) She feels that she deserves a more beautiful life.
 - (C) Her husband is very demanding.
 - (D) She has many rich friends.
3. Why does Mathilde borrow a necklace from Mme Forestier in *The Diamond Necklace*?
 - (A) She does not have fine jewellery.
 - (B) All her jewels are in the bank.
 - (C) She is afraid of wearing diamonds as she may lose them.
 - (D) Mme Forestier offers her one and she cannot refuse her kindness.
4. In *The Diamond Necklace* the Loisels manage to replace the necklace by _____.
 - (A) Borrowing it all.
 - (B) Stealing it.
 - (C) Borrowing some, reducing their standard of living and working very hard.
 - (D) Working very hard but not reducing their standard of living.
5. In *The Diamond Necklace* Mathilde seems happiest when she _____.
 - (A) Attends the big party.
 - (B) Gets the party invitation.
 - (C) Replaces the necklace.
 - (D) Finally pays off her debt.

6. In *The Phoenix*, where did Lord Strawberry get the phoenix from ?
- (A) England. (B) Arabia.
(C) France. (D) India.
7. Who wrote the short story *The Phoenix* ?
- (A) Rohinton Mistry. (B) Somerset Maugham.
(C) James Joyce. (D) Sylvia Townsend Warner.
8. Name the anthology from which the story *Of White Hairs and Cricket* is taken :
- (A) Kingdom of Elfin. (B) Swimming Lessons and Other Stories.
(C) Interpreter of Maladies. (D) Swami and Friends.
9. What is the narrative style adopted in the story *Of White Hairs and Cricket* ?
- (A) Second person narrative. (B) Third Person narrative.
(C) Omniscient narrator. (D) First person narrative.
10. In the story *Of White Hairs and Cricket* what do the white hairs that Kersi has to pull from his father's head symbolize ?
- (A) Unemployment. (B) Wisdom.
(C) Time. (D) Ugliness.
11. What kind of fish does Santiago first catch ?
- (A) A tuna. (B) A shrimp.
(C) A marlin. (D) A Portuguese man-of-war.
12. In what year was *The Old Man and the Sea* published ?
- (A) 1950. (B) 1952.
(C) 1951. (D) 1953.
13. What does the weary warbler that lands on Santiago's fishing line make the old man think of ?
- (A) The probability that he, like the bird, will never make it back to land.
(B) The predatory hawks that await the bird's arrival near land.
(C) The hidden strength of the weak.
(D) The beauty of the natural world.

Turn over

14. In order to help himself catch the fish, what does Santiago do ?
- (A) He promises to pay more attention to Manolin upon his return.
 - (B) He decides to recite ten Hail Marys and ten Our Fathers.
 - (C) He lightens the boat by throwing all unnecessary weight overboard.
 - (D) He ties the skiff to a buoy so that the fish cannot pull it farther out to sea.
15. Why does the thought of selling the fish's meat disappoint the old man ?
- (A) He knows people will cook the marlin, but it is best eaten raw.
 - (B) Market prices are low, and Santiago will get only a fraction of what the fish is worth.
 - (C) Because marlin has an unpleasant taste, Santiago wishes he caught something that made for better eating, like a shark.
 - (D) The people who will eat the meat are unworthy.
16. Who is Santiago's favorite baseball player ?
- (A) Lou Gehrig.
 - (B) Babe Ruth.
 - (C) Joe DiMaggio.
 - (D) Jackie Robinson.
17. Of what did Santiago always dream ?
- (A) Fish.
 - (B) His wife.
 - (C) Manolin.
 - (D) Lions.
18. What does Santiago call the sea ?
- (A) Dorado.
 - (B) Salao.
 - (C) La mar.
 - (D) El mar.
19. In his youth, on what kind of ship did Santiago work ?
- (A) Sailing.
 - (B) Trading.
 - (C) Fishing.
 - (D) Turtling.
20. How deep was the line on which the marlin-bit ?
- (A) 100 fathoms.
 - (B) 300 fathoms.
 - (C) 200 fathoms.
 - (D) 400 fathoms.

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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.

Turn over

- 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)