

**THIRD SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
NOVEMBER 2020**

English

ENG 3B 02/DM ENG 3B 02—READING FICTION

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 O Henry is the pen name of which of the following authors ?
  - (a) Anton Chekhov.
  - (b) Thomas Hardy.
  - (c) Samuel Langhorn Clement.
  - (d) William Sydney Porter.
- 4 Why does Manolin no longer fish with Santiago ?
  - (a) He dislikes Santiago.
  - (b) His parents have told him to fish with others.
  - (c) Santiago no longer needs him.
  - (d) Manolin has gone to the city.
- 5 Of what did Santiago always dream ?
  - (a) Fish.
  - (b) Manolin.
  - (c) His wife.
  - (d) Lions.
- 6 Where did Lord Strawberry get the phoenix from?
  - (a) England.
  - (b) France.
  - (c) Arabia.
  - (d) India.

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- 7 Mathilde's problem is that she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Needs a job to give her self-worth.  
 (b) Was born into the wrong social class.  
 (c) Does not know how to spend her vast wealth.  
 (d) Does not really love her husband.
- 8 Mme. Forestier responds to Mathilde's final revelation with :
- (a) Cruel mockery. (b) Compassion and generosity.  
 (c) A scream of terror. (d) Amazement.
- 9 What does Miss Brill like to wear believing that it is fashionable and attractive ?
- (a) Stockings. (b) Veiled hat.  
 (c) Fox stole. (d) High heeled shoes.
- 10 Who is the first person to get onto Potapov's sledge ?
- (a) An officer. (b) An old man.  
 (c) A hunchback. (d) A couple of young men.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

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

- 11 Bring out the irony in "The Phoenix".
- 12 Why was the finest set of apartments in Lord Strawberry's aviary empty for years ?
- 13 How does the necklace make Mathilde work hard ?
- 14 What role does Viraf's father play in the story "Of White Hairs and Cricket" ?
- 15 How did Barbara act as a mediator of Gilbert and Nevada ?
- 16 How do the other fishermen greet Santiago ? Why ?
- 17 What does Kersi's grandmother hate ?
- 18 What is Point of view ?
- 19 Why was the phoenix tortured so much ?
- 20 What was Iona sad about ?

- 21 What was special about Miss Brill's stole ?
- 22 Define short story.

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

- 23 Write notes on the various types of fiction.
- 24 What excuses does Nevada make to Jerome and Barbara in order not to read Gilbert's letters ?
- 25 What are Santiago's thoughts about baseball and other games ?
- 26 Who are the people Miss Brill sees in the park ?
- 27 What kind of a person was Old Jerome Warren ?
- 28 How did cricket become only a memory or a longing in "Of White Hairs and Cricket" ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

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

- 29 Write a note on Hemingway's style with special reference to *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- 30 "Of White Hairs and Cricket" is a sad reminder of mortality. Justify.
- 31 Consider "The Phoenix" as a satire on the human need to see strange things and disordering the natural phenomenon.
- 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)