

THIRD SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2016

(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 Who among the following was an illiterate ?
 - (a) Jerome.
 - (b) Poldero.
 - (c) Nevada.
 - (d) Miss Brill.
- 2 Which of the following months was easy for a fisherman to fish ?
 - (a) September.
 - (b) May.
 - (c) December.
 - (d) March.
- 3 Who had a tragic end pursuing greed ?
 - (a) Manolin.
 - (b) Poldero.
 - (c) Santiago.
 - (d) None of these.
- 4 What was the father in Rohinton Mistry's story looking for ?
 - (a) Friendship.
 - (b) Money.
 - (c) Job.
 - (d) House.
- 5 From where was the phoenix brought ?
 - (a) America.
 - (b) Japan.
 - (c) China.
 - (d) Arabia.
- 6 Who dissuaded Manolin from fishing with the old man ?
 - (a) DiMaggio.
 - (b) Parents.
 - (c) Santiago.
 - (d) Other fishermen.
- 7 Who died in the family of Iona ?
 - (a) Son.
 - (b) Daughter.
 - (c) Mother.
 - (d) Father.

- 8 What was Miss Brill doing for a livelihood ?
- (a) Teaching. (b) Sewing.
(c) Fur trade. (d) Fashion designing.
- 9 Who were living with Jerome in the beginning ?
- (a) Nevada. (b) Gilbert.
(c) Barbara. (d) Both (b) and (c).
- 10 What happened to Santiago's wife?
- (a) Ill. (b) Died.
(c) Left. (d) None of these.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

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

- 11 What is the significance of DiMaggio in the novel ?
- 12 What was the experience of Iona on going to Vyborgskaya ?
- 13 How was the phoenix bird treated at last ?
- 14 What did the boy in Rohinton Mistry's short story think of his father in the end ?
- 15 What do you know about the grandmother of the boy in Rohinton Mistry's short story ?
- 16 What was the attitude of Santiago to life ?
- 17 How did Santiago lose his eye sight ?
- 18 Comment on the condition of Miss Brill at the end of the story ?
- 19 What was the misery of Iona ?
- 20 What do you know about Mathilde's early life ?
- 21 What was tragic about Mathilde's later life ?
- 22 Explain the term plot in a novel.

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

- 23 Difference between long and short fiction.
- 24 The role of letters in the story "Of Schools and Schools".
- 25 Miss Brill's Sundays.
- 26 Mathilde Loisel at the party.

27 The phoenix as a symbol of exploitation.

28 Santiago's knowledge of the sea.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

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

29 Symbolism in Hemingway's novel.

30 Iona's story is a most moving depiction of human need for sharing.

31 The O. Henry twist in the story "Of Schools and Schools".

32 Compare the contrast the loneliness of Iona and Mrs. Brill.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)