

**THIRD SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
NOVEMBER 2021**

English

ENG 3B 02/DMENG 3B 02—READING FICTION

(2014—2018 Admissions)

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 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.
- 3 Where did Old Jerome Warren's brother Dick go to seek out a fortune ?  
 (a) Australia. (b) India  
 (c) West. (d) East
- 4 Where does the story The Old Man and the Sea take place ?  
 (a) Cuba. (b) Canary Islands.  
 (c) Marshall Island. (d) Puerto Rico.
- 5 Manolin's parents refuse to let the boy fish with the old man because they believe Santiago is salao. How does Hemingway translate this word ?  
 (a) Crazy. (b) Selfish.  
 (c) Washed up. (d) The worst form of unlucky.
- 6 Santiago thought the light of what city would guide him home ?  
 (a) San Juan. (b) Cardenas.  
 (c) Havana. (d) Bautista.

**Turn over**

- 7 Why don't the Loiseles tell Mme. Forestier that the necklace has been lost ?
- They fear Mme. Forestier will mock them
  - They do not care what anyone thinks of them.
  - The minister advises M. Loisel not to tell the truth.
  - They are ashamed to admit their carelessness.
- 8 How does the young couple treat Miss Brill ?
- Respectfully.
  - Disdainfully.
  - As a mother figure.
  - Indifferently.
- 9 Who does Potapov finally manage to unburden his grief to ?
- The officer.
  - His mare.
  - The hunchback.
  - A fellow cab man.
- 10 How many days did Potapov's son lie in the hospital for ?
- Three days.
  - One day.
  - A week.
  - A month.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

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

- Why did Mathilde feel uncomfortable when married to Mr. Loisel ?
- What was the change in Kersi by the end of the story ?
- What was special about Miss Brill's stole ?
- What is the suspense in the story "Schools and Schools".
- How do the other fishermen greet Santiago ? Why ?
- Why was the finest set of apartments in Lord Strawberry's aviary empty for years ?
- What excuses does Nevada make to Jerome and Barbara in order not to read Gilbert's letters ?
- How did Mathilde react to the invitation to the party
- Bring out the irony in "The Phoenix".
- How does Iona finally express his grief ?

21 How did Barbara act as a mediator between Gilbert and Nevada ?

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 What kind of a person was Old Jerome Warren ?

25 What do white hairs metaphorically signify in "Of White Hairs and Cricket" ?

26 Attempt the character sketch of Mr. Loisel.

27 Attempt a character sketch of Manolin.

28 How does the story "Miss Brill" employ the stream of consciousness technique ?

(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 "There is a deceptiveness of Appearance in the story". Refer closely to the story "Diamond Necklace" and justify the statement.

31 Bring out the symbolism implied in the struggle of the old man against the sea in the novel The Old Man and the Sea.

32. "Of White Flairs and Cricket" is a sad reminder of mortality. Justify.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)