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COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH  
2 A04 ENG : Reading Literatures in English**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

I. Write an essay of about **200 words** on **any one** of the following :

- 1) Nehru's recollection of his student life is moored to Indian nationalism.
- 2) Examine Judy Brady's questioning of the organization of the domestic sphere.

**(Weightage : 4)**

II. Write an essay of about **200 words** on **any one** of the following :

- 3) "Immortality appears to be a strong concern in the sonnet *Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day*" – Discuss.
- 4) Describe Shelley's representation of *Ozymandias*.

**(Weightage : 4)**

III. Write an essay of about **200 words** on **any one** of the following :

- 5) Explain how Sigaev frees himself from the urge for revenge ?
- 6) Compare and contrast the speeches of Brutus and Antony.

**(Weightage : 4)**

IV. Annotate **any four** of the following :

- 7) She found me roots of relish sweet,  
And honey wild, and manna dew.
- 8) We have no gift to set a statesman right.
- 9) It totters when she licks it with her tongue.
- 10) In order to get these young minds to appreciate and understand misfortune, we make them participants in misfortune, too.
- 11) The same thing may be said of the doings of Americans in Haiti and Central America, and of imperialist doings generally.

**(Weightage 4x2=8)**

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V. Answer **all** the **four** bunches of **four** questions **each** given below :

12) A) President-elect means

- a) The election of the President
- b) The person who elects the President
- c) The person elected to become the President
- d) The former President

B) The only person who saw Lincoln at close quarters was

- a) Mrs. Allen
- b) Mark
- c) John
- d) Tom

C) Brutus opposed Caesar because

- a) Caesar did not give him any position
- b) He hated Caesar
- c) Caesar was ambitious
- d) Caesar was friendly with Mark Antony

D) Octavius was

- a) One of the conspirators
- b) Caesar's nephew
- c) The brother of Mark Antony
- d) None of these

13) A) *The Avenger* was written by

- a) Shakespeare
- b) Nehru
- c) Chekhov
- d) None of these

B) Smith-Wesson is the name of

- a) The shop-keeper
- b) A revolver
- c) The wife of Sigaev
- d) None of these



- C) Sigaev decided not to buy a revolver because
- a) They were too expensive
  - b) He was afraid of being sent to Saghalin
  - c) He thought his wife was not guilty
  - d) None of these
- D) Sigaev's reason for buying the revolver as he tells the shop-keeper was
- a) To murder his unfaithful wife
  - b) To kill his wife's lover
  - c) To commit suicide
  - d) To frighten away thieves from his summer cottage
- 14) A) The poem *Grandfather* was written by
- a) R. Viswanathan
  - b) Kamala Das
  - c) Maya Angelou
  - d) W. B. Yeats
- B) *Ozymandias* belonged to
- a) India
  - b) Egypt
  - c) Greece
  - d) England
- C) Maya Angelou was
- a) American
  - b) British
  - c) African
  - d) None of these
- D) In the line "Every black'ning Church appalls" the word 'blackening' refers to
- a) The Blacks
  - b) The walls of the church blackened by smoke
  - c) The corrupted and degraded state of the church
  - d) None of these





- 15) A) Practical men of the world trust
- a) Outside judgment
  - b) Judgment of the court
  - c) Their own judgment
  - d) None of these
- B) Tsushima stands for
- a) A ship
  - b) A sea battle
  - c) A creature
  - d) A school
- C) The essay *Why I Want a Wife* talks about a society which is
- a) Patriarchal
  - b) Egalitarian
  - c) Woman-centred
  - d) None of these
- D) Kishori Amonkar believes that music has to be learnt from
- a) Disc
  - b) Guru
  - c) Cassette
  - d) None of these
- (Weightage 4×1=4)

VI. Answer **any six** of the following questions in **a** sentence or **two**, **each** :

- 16) What subject fascinated Nehru the most ?
- 17) What should the wife do in the event of the husband's second marriage ?
- 18) What are the two last lines of a sonnet called ?
- 19) Explain the meaning of 'chartered' in the phrase 'chartered street in Blake's poem *London*.
- 20) What did Sigaev finally buy instead of revolver ?
- 21) Why does Mark Antony repeatedly say that Brutus was 'honourable' ?
- 22) In the poem *Once Upon a Time* what does the speaker see in the mirror ?

(Weightage 6×1=6)