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

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

I. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

1) Nehru's memories of the English school and college days in the colonial context.

2) Judy Brady's arguments against the husband-wife.

(Weightage 4)

II. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

3) Immortality is the theme of Shakespeare's *Sonnet XVIII*. Explain.

4) What are the thoughts of the woman in the poem *Women Work* by Maya Angelou?

(Weightage 4)

III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

5) Brutus appeals to the intellect whereas Antony rouses the emotions of the Roman mob. Do you agree with this view of the speeches ? Illustrate with examples.

6) How does Sigaev free his mind from the urge to take revenge ? (Weightage 4)

IV. Annotate **any four** of the following passages in about **80** words :

7) There, you have an essential part of our system in a nutshell. In order to get these young minds to appreciate and understand misfortune, we make them participants in misfortune too.

8) Naturally, I will expect a fresh, new life; my wife will take the children and be solely responsible for them so that I am left free.

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- 9) Learning from a guru is live learning. It is learning with a soul. It is a give and take of the souls.
- 10) She found me roots of relish sweet,/And honey wild and manna dew.
- 11) Then there's a pair of us-don't tell !/They'd banish us, you know !

(Weightage 4x2=8)

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

- 12) A) _____ accompanied John on his adventurous journey to see Lincoln.
- a) Mark b) Tom c) Spike d) Mrs. Allen
- B) Tom and Mark were able to
- a) shake hands with Lincoln
- b) talk to Lincoln
- c) catch only a glimpse of the umbrella and the top of his tall hat
- d) none of these
- C) Brutus rose against Caesar because
- a) he hated Caesar
- b) Caesar hated him
- c) he loved Rome more than Caesar
- d) Caesar did not give him any position of power
- D) Antony shows the mob the wound in Caesar's body made by Brutus
- a) because he was a witness to the killing
- b) because he was one of the conspirators
- c) because he wanted to turn the mob against Brutus
- d) none of these
- 13) A) At the beginning of the story Fedor Sigaev's plan is to
- a) commit suicide b) kill his wife
- c) kill his wife's lover d) kill both his wife and her lover
- B) Fedor Sigaev visits the shop Schmucks and Co
- a) to see his wife b) to buy some clothes
- c) to buy a revolver d) to see his wife's lover



- C) The shopkeeper recommends a
- a) Mortimer Pistol
 - b) Smith and Wesson
 - c) French Make
 - d) None of these
- D) The shopkeeper believes that the laws are
- a) just
 - b) impartial
 - c) antiquated
 - d) progressive
- 14) A) W.B. Yeats says that 'in times like these' a poet has to
- a) speak out
 - b) protest
 - c) remain silent
 - d) do something
- B) Ozymandias was
- a) an Indian King
 - b) an English King
 - c) an Egyptian ruler
 - d) none of these
- C) *La Belle Dame Sans Merci* is a poem written by
- a) W.B. Yeats
 - b) Shakespeare
 - c) Keats
 - d) Shelley
- D) The last two lines of a sonnet are called
- a) stanza
 - b) couplet
 - c) octave
 - d) sestet
- 15) A) Nehru was put in a low form at Harrow because of his
- a) poor standard in English
 - b) his age
 - c) his small knowledge in Latin
 - d) none of these
- B) The school for sympathy was meant for
- a) normal children to learn the lesson of sympathy
 - b) blind children
 - c) deaf children
 - d) dumb children



C) Bertrand Russell was awarded the Nobel prize for

- a) peace
- b) economics
- c) philosophy
- d) literature

D) Kishori Amonkar was a

- a) writer
 - b) dancer
 - c) film actress
 - d) classical singer
- (Weightage 1×4=4)**

VI. Write short answers **each** in a sentence or **two** for **six** of the following :

16) What was Lincoln's advice to John ?

17) Which country is the background of the story *The Avenger* ?

18) Why was Sambooka put to death ?

19) In the poem Grandfather what was predominant quality of the poet's grandpa ?

20) What does the writer of *Why I Want a Wife* want when another woman more suitable as a wife appears ?

21) Which book of G.M. Trevelyan was gifted to Nehru for good work at school ?

22) Which are the simple and useful things taught to the pupils at *The School for Sympathy* ?

(Weightage 6×1=6)