B. COM DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2018

SEMESTER 3: COMMON COURSE FOR B.COM

COURSE: 15U3CCENG5C – PERSPECTIVES IN LITERATURE

(For Regular - 2017 Admission and Supplementary / Improvement 2016, 2015, 2014 admissions) Time: Three Hours

PART - A

Answer all questions, each in not more than two/three sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. What is the greatest asset of a bore?
- 2. What is the divine quality that Gandhi possessed?
- 3. What is the occasion of Nehru's speech?
- 4. How can one get rid of dogmatism?
- 5. Why does the poet say that his 'grievances' are 'foregone' in Shakespeare's sonnet XXX?
- 6. Who is 'Mid-May's eldest child'?
- 7. What is the gap that Frost refers to in Mending Wall?
- 8. Why did Ivan not try to find the number of the winning number?
- 9. Why was Jimmy Valentine imprisoned?
- 10. What was the only pleasure left for the old man?

PART - B

Answer any **eight** of the following questions in three/four sentences each.

Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. What made the boy see the film again and again?
- 12. How does Ivan reconcile with his situation?
- 13. How did Ralph Spencer fare at the end of a year?
- 14. What does Okara mean by 'unlearn' and 'relearn'?
- 15. Why does Miss Pushpa keep smiling?
- 16. Why does the poet describe the sun as 'splintering'?
- 17. Why does the poet say that the lover is breaking another heart?
- 18. What is the Chinese custom referred to by Russell?
- 19. How does the buttonholing bore behave?
- 20. How did Gandhi effect change in us?

PART - C

Answer any five of the following questions, each in a paragraph. Each question carries 5 marks

- 21. Why does Lucas say that everybody is a bore sometime or the other?
- 22. Nehru feels that Gandhi needs no monument in bronze. Why?

Max Marks: 75

 $(1 \times 10 = 10)$

- 23. How does Amartya Sen evaluate the practice of democracy in independent India?
- 24. What were the achievements of Rakesh in U.S.A.?
- 25. How does Keats contrast the permanence of the bird with the transience of human life?
- 26. "Good fences make good neighbors" Explain.
- 27. What is the theme of the poem "The Mask"?

PART - D

Answer any **two** of the following questions in essay form, each in about 300 words.

Each question carries 12 marks.

- 28. Trace the transformation of Jimmy into Mr. Spencer?
- 29. Attempt a critical appreciation of "The Lottery Ticket" as a study in human psychology.
- 30. How does Maya Angelou treat the theme of love and deception in *Poor Girl*?
- 31. What is the tribute Nehru pays to Gandhi?

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