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**B A/B.SC DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2016**

**SEMESTER - 1: ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE)**

**COURSE: 15U1CCENG2 - READING LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

Common for Regular (2016 Admission) & Supplementary / Improvement (2015 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Max Marks: 75

**PART A**

Answer the following questions in a sentence. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. What is the foundation-stone of a bore?
2. 'We have failed to protect . . .' who does Nehru refer to here?
3. What is GNP?
4. 'And moan the expense of many a vanished sight'. What is meant by the term, 'vanished sight'?
5. What is 'Lethe' in Greek mythology?
6. What is the reason for the poet to say 'Something there is that doesn't love a wall'?
7. Who is the stranger in David Malouf's poem?
8. Why is Miss Pushpa going abroad?
9. Who is the author of the short story 'A Shadow'?
10. Why did Wasserkopf ask for a refund of his tuition fees?

(1 x 10 = 10)

**PART B**

Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences. Each question carries 2 marks.

11. What is meant by 'Shibboleth' in Bores?
12. What is the occasion of the speech "A Glory has Departed"?
13. Who is Plato?
14. "Was it a vision, or a waking dream"? Why does Keats feel so?
15. "My apple trees will never get across and eat the cones." Explain.
16. Describe the appearance of the messengers in the poem Bicycle.
17. Why is the sun described as 'splintering'?

18. How did Ivan and Masha react when they realized that they did not actually win the lottery?
19. Why did the students call the Physics master a cannibal?
20. What is your opinion of Wasserkopf ?

(2 x 8 = 16)

### PART C

Answer **any five** of the following in a short paragraph of not more than **50 words**. Each question carries 5 marks.

21. What are the different types of Bores that Lucas mentions in his essay?
22. How can we pay proper homage to Gandhi?
23. What are the benefits of liberalization?
24. What are the two ways of avoiding fear?
25. How does Keats contrast the permanence of the bird with the transience of human life?
26. What prevents the poet from revealing the truth to the poor girl?
27. Why does Ivan think it is pleasant to travel alone?

(5 x 5 = 25)

### PART D

Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 300 words. Each question carries 12 marks.

28. Comment on the significance of the title **A Devoted Son**.
29. Comment on the wit and humour employed in the play **Refund**.
30. Consider **Once Upon a Time** as a poem on 'cultural loss'.

(12 x 2 = 24)

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