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**BA /BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2015**  
**SEMESTER: 1, SUBJECT: ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE)**  
**COURSE: U1CCENG2: READING LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**  
*(Supplementary / Improvement)*

Time: Three Hours

Max.Marks:75

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

1. How did the Chinese begin wearing pig tails?
2. What prompted Wasserkopf to go to his school seeking a refund of his tuition fee?
3. What did the grandmother do when she received the news of Lord Byron's death?
4. What is the greatest asset of a bore?
5. What is the gap that the poet refers to in "Mending Wall"?
6. What is the reason for the feeling of proud thankfulness according to Nehru?
7. What is the theme of the poem "Once upon a Time"?
8. "They are such reptiles" about whom does Ivan Dimitritch thought like this? Why?
9. What sickness affected the sister of Jacopo and Nicolo?
10. Why does Kamala Suraiyya say that the mask is more cherished? (1 x 10 = 10)

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

11. Why is the speaker in the poem reluctant to tell the "Poor Girl" that she is going to be deceived?
12. What happened to Jimmy Valentine? Why?
13. How can we free ourselves from dogmatism?
14. What effect does the nightingale's song produce on the poet?
15. Why does the speaker feel sympathy for the other girl in Maya Angelou's poem?
16. Comment on the humour in the title, "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S."
17. "Whatever his answer, we agree beforehand that they are correct." Who is the speaker? Who is speaking to? Why?
18. Why does Shakespeare say that his grievances are forgone?
19. What does Sambu feel at the end of each film show? Why?
20. Why does the father rebel against the son's medical care? (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 did the narrator gather about Jacopo and Nicolo?
22. How does the bicycle become an agent of death?
23. What is the theme of Anton Chekov's Short Story 'The Lottery Ticket'?
24. What idea have you gathered about bores from E V Lucas' essay?
25. What is your opinion about the Old Woman and the Spinster in "Lord Byron's Love Letter"?
26. How does the history teacher establish that Wasserkopf has correctly answered his question?
27. "Good fences make good neighbours". Explain. (5 x 5 = 25)

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**PART D**

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

28. Critically evaluate Nissim Ezekiel's "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T S" as a satire on Indianism in English.
29. How does Keats contrast the permanence of the bird with the transience of human life? Explain.
30. What are the strategies that Bertrand Russel suggests to escape from the biases and prejudices in our minds?
31. Comment on the use of symbols and motifs in "Monkey's Paw". (12 x 2 = 24)

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