

**B. A. / B. Sc. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCTOBER 2019****SEMESTER 1: ENGLISH****15U1CCENG2; READING LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

*(Common for Improvement 2018 & Supplementary 2018 / 2017 / 2016 / 2015 Admissions)*

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

**SECTION A****Answer any 10 (1 marks each)**

1. What was the context of Nehru's historic speech, "A Glory has Departed"?
2. Under whose leadership were the economic reforms introduced?
3. What is it that the poet meant by "new pay as if not paid before"?
4. What does the Skylark sing about?
5. What does the mirror of the bicycle "calmly accept"?
6. Where is Miss Pushpa going?
7. What is the name of the girl who was locked up in the vault of the Bank at Elmore?
8. How many rupees were given to father to act in the film?
9. Name the wife of Rakesh in the story "The Devoted Son".
10. Name the company that Herbert worked for, in the play "The Monkey's Paw".

(1 x 10 = 10)

**SECTION B****Answer any 8 (2 marks each)**

11. What ensures an audience for the bores?
12. Why is self-esteem sometimes deceptive?
13. Why does Frost feel that there is "something that doesn't love a wall"?
14. Do you consider "Poor girl" as an autobiographical poem? Why?
15. Comment on the repeated use of the word "transient" in the poem "The Mask."
16. What is the image of childhood the poet describes in the poem "Onces Upon a Time".
17. What was Masha's plan if they won the lottery?
18. How did the father of the two boys in the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' die?
19. What, according to Wasserkopf, would he do if the school refused to refund the fees?
20. Why is the old woman excited when the spinster reads out the letter?

(2 x 8 = 16)

**SECTION C****Answer any 5 (5 marks each)**

21. What are the subjects bores like to 'discourse upon'?
22. How did the policy of economic liberalisation impact on Indian economy?
23. Dialogue with a hypothetical opponent can help you to escape dogmatism. Elucidate.
24. What does the poem "Bicycle" tell us about our relationship with technology?
25. Who was Ben Price? How did his collar button happen to be in Valentine's room?
26. How is Rakesh portrayed as an ideal son at the beginning of the story 'A Devoted Son'?
27. What is the message or theme in "The Monkey's Paw" and how does the author get the message across to the reader?

(5 x 5 = 25)

**SECTION D****Answer any 2 (12 marks each)**

28. What is the "tryst with destiny" according to Amartya Sen?
29. "Ode to a Nightingale" represents the yearnings of a romantic artist. Discuss.
30. Comment on the style of R.K. Narayan in "A Shadow".
31. Write an essay on the elements of humor in the play "Refund".

(12 x 2 = 24)