

B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – MARCH / APRIL 2019**SEMESTER – 4: ENGLISH (CORE COURSE)****COURSE: 15U4CRENG6 – READING FICTION***(Common for Regular 2017 admission and improvement 2016/ supplementary 2016/2015 admission)*

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

PART A**I. Attempt the following questions in a word or a sentence.**

1. What led to the decline of banker's fortune?
2. The shoes that Mr. Gessler made for the author was that of.....
3. Sharma was not even a matriculate but had been retained in job because
4. What did the bank manager want Albert Edward to do with the money he had?
5. "He (Santiago) was asleep in a short time and he dreamt of when he was a boy."
6. What is luck according to Paul's mother?
7. The extraordinary gentleman who appeared in the courtroom was.....
8. How did the policemen arrive?
9. "In a brief series of gobbles, the meat disappeared." This statement indicates that
10. Why did Angela decide to leave Tony? (1 x 10 = 10)

PART B**II. Answer any eight of the following questions, each in two or three sentences.**

11. Why did Manolin leave Santiago?
12. What is the malady suffered by the narrator in "The Terror"?
13. What was the attitude of Gessler brothers towards their craft?
14. 'If I had to choose between death penalty and imprisonment for life, I would certainly choose the second.' Who said this and why?
15. Why was the verger summoned to the vestry?
16. How does the boy try to please his mother?
17. Why needn't God take the oath?
18. What malapropism or humorous misuse of words does the policeman commit when he describes the mother's behavior?
19. What did the scar look like?
20. What was the concession offered to ease the situation? (2 x 8 = 16)

PART C**III. Answer any five of the following, each in fifty words**

21. What was the banker's plan to win the bet? Did it succeed?
22. "Dey get id by adverdisement, nod by work." Analyze the statement.
23. What makes Santiago realize that his killing of the fish is not a dream?

24. What makes Thurber's grandfather an unusual and amusing character?
25. Comment on Santiago's attachment with the boy.
26. How did Sharma conceal trauma from his family members during the weekend?
27. Describe Uncle Jules' character. (5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

IV. Answer any two, each in not less than 300 words

28. Do you think the mother's greed in *The Rocking Horse Winner* lead to the untimely death of Paul. Why?
29. "To live anyhow is better than not living at all" Discuss.
30. Cultural identity in Indo-Caribbean fiction as revealed in "Love, Love, Love Alone".
31. Can you consider *The Old Man and the Sea* as a tragedy? (12 x 2 = 24)
