B.COM DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2017

SEMESTER – 3: ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE FOR BCOM)

COURSE: 15U3CCENG5C, PERSPECTIVES IN LITERATURE

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

PART-A

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

- 1. Why does Nehru feel ashamed as the head of the Government of India?
- 2. Why does Pushpa keep smiling?
- 3. What causes the poet to question the mending of wall?
- 4. What does the poet moan in silence?
- 5. Give the meaning of the expression 'to wear many faces'
- 6. How did the author help the boys?
- 7. Why is self-esteem sometimes deceptive?
- 8. What is the divine quality that Gandhi possessed?
- 9. What is the greatest asset of a bore?
- 10. What does the poet moan in silence?

PART-B

Answer any **eight** of the following questions in three/four sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Why were the author and his companion attracted to the boys?
- 12. How does the poet describe the mask of the lover?
- 13. How does Keats contrast the permanence of the bird with the transience of human life?
- 14. Why was Ivan reluctant to look at the lottery winning number initially?
- 15. What is the theme of the poem Once Upon a Time. ?
- 16. What will the poor girl do when the lover leaves her?
- 17. How does Amartya Sen evaluate the practice of democracy in independent India?
- 18. Ben Price knew Jimmy's habits. What were his habits?
- 19. Why does Varma's perception of his son change?
- 20. What is the remedy for the central failures of Indian society? $(2 \times 8 = 16)$

 $(1 \times 10 = 10)$

Max Marks: 75

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PART-C

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

- 21. Do you think money exercises power and has an adverse effect on personal relationships?
- 22. What Chinese custom of the seventeenth century is referred to in the essay?
- 23. How does Amartya Sen evaluate the practice of democracy in independent India?
- 24. What is the failure that Nehru mentions in his speech?
- 25. How is Rakesh portrayed as an ideal son in the beginning?
- 26. Describe the characters of Nicola and Jacopo.
- 27. What picture of Miss. Pushpa do we get from the speech? (5 x 5 = 25)

PART-D

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

- 28. Write a note on the transformation of Jimmy into Mr. Spencer.
- 29. Malouf gives a mysterious air to the bicycle. Discuss.
- 30. What is the theme of The Mask?
- 31. Discuss the significance of the title A Shadow.

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$
