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### **B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2017**

# SEMESTER - 3: ENGLISH (CORE COURSE)

## COURSE: 15U3CRENG03, LITERATURE AND INFORMATICS

(For Regular - 2016 Admission and Supplementary / Improvement 2015 Admission)

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

### **PART A**

## I. Attempt the following questions as directed

- 1. What should the literary animal do to thrive in the fluid multifarious information habitat of today?
- 2. Why was Plato anxious about writing?
- 3. List two problems that can arise from moving too quickly to embrace technology?
- 4. What is telepresence?
- 5. What is feel -good activism?
- 6. Expand the acronyms DBS and WWW.
- 7. Which human activity consumes the most of world's fresh water resources?
- 8. What is active solar energy?
- 9. What is crucial to protect the warriors of the future?
- 10. How do Face book and YouTube make money as commercial platforms?  $(1 \times 10 = 10)$

#### **PART B**

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

- 11. Define technology.
- 12. What is homeostasis? Give examples.
- 13. What are the limitations of digital media?
- 14. Why is telemedicine an especially attractive option for use in prisons?
- 15. What is population carrying capacity? What happens every 15 seconds in the way of addition and subtraction to earth's carrying capacity?
- 16. Differentiate between synchronous and asynchronous learning in distance education.
- 17. How do receivers assess the value of any communication?
- 18. How does the internet help contemporary authors?
- 19. Write a note on Land Warrior Project.
- 20. What are soft technologies? Give examples.

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$ 

#### **PART C**

## III. Answer any five of the following, each in fifty words

- 21. Elaborate the statement, "Technology is neither ethical nor unethical. It is merely a tool to be used or misused as we please".
- 22. Describe the circumstances which led to the formation of Fox Interactive Media (FIM).
- 23. With information technology, both time and place have been rendered moot, more or less. Elaborate.
- 24. Why does the debate on civic participation focus on young people specifically?
- 25. What is the advantage of drawing the analogy between scientific instruments and media?
- 26. How can we attain wisdom for the future?
- 27. How is broadcast television used in distance education?

 $(5 \times 5 = 25)$ 

#### **PART D**

- IV. Answer any two, each in not less than 300 words.
- 28. Why is telemedicine gaining popularity and becoming more of a reality?
- 29. What telecommunications technologies could be used to educate millions of illiterate children and adults in the developing countries?
- 30. How are we going to resolve the inequalities of resource use in the world?
- 31. What are the problems and challenges with our current thinking of the future?

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$ 

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