

B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – JULY 2021**SEMESTER – 4: ENGLISH (CORE COURSE)****COURSE: 15U4CRENG6, READING FICTION***(Common for Improvement 2018 admission / Supplementary 2018/2017/2016/2015 admissions)*

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

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

1. What do the cobbler brothers refuse to yield to?
2. Why was 'Monaco' called a 'toy kingdom'?
3. Where did Julius Obi work in Umuru?
4. What has made life at the lamasery much more comfortable?
5. Why is the narrator not afraid of dead people?
6. Who is the protagonist of the story "The Gold Watch"?
7. What is the historical background of the story "The Shape of the Sword"?
8. Which work of V S Naipaul contains 'Love, Love , Love Alone'?
9. What do tourists mistake the skeleton of the marlin for?
10. Manolin's parents refer to Santiago as *Salao*, which means ____.

(1 x 10 = 10)

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

11. Who used the zither and how?
12. What occupation did the verger take up after resigning from the church?
13. Explain what role does Paul's father play in *The Rocking-Horse Winner*?
14. What is special with the Karaka-trees in the garden?
15. Where did the narrator see Toni many years later?
16. What project the Tibetan monastery had been working for the last three centuries?
17. Which description of Santiago makes the readers question his physical capabilities?
18. What objects does Santiago observe while moving away from the shore?
19. When does the old man declare that the marlin is great?
20. During his great struggle with the marlin, what does Santiago wish repeatedly?

(2 x 8 = 16)

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

21. Why is the narrator sorry that he had paid attention to the footsteps?
22. What were the changes that the narrator observed when he visited the shoemaker's shop after two years? Why had he not visited him for such a long time?
23. Describe Santiago's home. What does it say about him as a man?

24. How does life take the most unexpected turn in the life of the verger?
25. Why does Laura not fit in well with her family?
26. Bring out the symbolism of the lions on the beach?
27. Attempt a character sketch of Manolin.

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

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

28. Though the trial and imprisonment of the criminal is depicted in a comic mode in "Too Dear", it does give rise to several other ethical issues. Discuss.
29. Evaluate how "The Sacrificial Egg" demonstrates the strength of indigenous culture.
30. Consider *The Old Man and the Sea* as novel of resistance to defeat.
31. Critically evaluate Hemingway's style with special reference to 'Old Man and the Sea'.

(12 x 2 = 24)
