

**B. A. / B.SC DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2025****SEMESTER 4 : ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE)****COURSE : 19U4CCENG06 : ILLUMINATIONS***(For Regular 2023 Admission and Improvement / Supplementary 2022/ 2021/2020/2019 Admissions)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

**PART A****Answer All (1 mark each)**

1. Whose poems are called "a simple and solemn photographs of New England"?
2. Which famous author narrated the incident of an author who snatched away the lifebelt of a woman?
3. Describe what the word 'Invictus' means?
4. Name the novel of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie that won the Commonwealth Writers' Prize.
5. What is the "Window of the soul"?
6. Why was Owens expected to win the gold medal in the Long Jump hands down?
7. What was Meadows' job at the house of Fowlers?
8. Name the novel from which *Roucolle, the Miser* is taken from
9. Name the author of the poem "Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem".
10. Name the author of the play "Importance of Being Earnest."

**(1 x 10 = 10)****PART B****Answer any 8 (2 marks each)**

11. Describe the meaning of "place of wrath" in the poem 'Invictus'?
12. Explain the reason why Rowling convinces herself that she is at world's largest Gryffindor reunion?
13. State the issue that bothers Mr. Spugg
14. Detail what the 'night' signifies in the first line of the poem Invictus?
15. How is the sailor's courage different from the one recommended by Napoleon?
16. How did Mr. Gessler react when the narrator went his shop wearing a pair of boots made by a commercial firm?
17. What does Jesse mean by, 'After all, I am a Negro'?
18. Who is John Thomas who is mentioned in the story *Everyday Use*.
19. Discover how growing up in Kerala helped Sudarshan in shaping his interest in Physics.
20. Comment on the 'lovely tradition' of Wellesley, referred by Adichie.

**(2 x 8 = 16)****PART C****Answer any 5 (5 marks each)**

21. Explain what the nightingale asks of the student before sacrificing herself.
22. Prepare a note on the symbols used in the poem 'Still I Rise.'
23. How did the sailor sign himself a death warrant?
24. Assess Adichie's statement that "victimhood is not a virtue."
25. 'The best, like diamonds, will never be found in great quantities.' What does Hearn mean by this?

26. Elaborate on the character of the Jew in the story, " *Roucolle, the Miser.*"
27. How did Owens manage to qualify for the finals with a foot to spare?

**(5 x 5 = 25)**

**PART D**

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

28. Critique JK Rowling's argument that failure is beneficial in life.
29. Critique the poem 'Still I Rise' as a response to marginalisation and oppression of the black.
30. Analyse how does Helen Keller plan to spend her three days of sight?
31. The story *Everyday Use* is a celebration and assertion of African heritage. Justify.

**(12 x 2 = 24)**