

**B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCTOBER 2025****SEMESTER 3 : ENGLISH****COURSE : 19U3CRENG4 : READING PROSE***(For Improvement/Supplementary 2023/2022/2021/2020/2019 Admissions)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

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

1. What is Plato's cave?
2. Who is the author of the expression 'resentful employee'?
3. What did the narrator think of his photograph? Critique his reaction.
4. Identify the name of the president of the African National Congress mentioned in the essay "Colour Bar".
5. In which century did periodical essays flourish in England?
6. Who is the author of the book 'A Beautiful Mind'?
7. What is Sen's first silly thought?
8. What would Abraham Lincoln choose between the two alternatives if one needed to be sacrificed over the other?
9. What were the warders telling the terrified child in prison?
10. What do studies serve for?

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

11. What did the girl at the Café call Kaunda?
12. Explain the reaction of the policemen in "All about a Dog".
13. Evaluate author's statement that humour is not an independent genre.
14. What is Wilde's opinion about transferring a child's custody from its parents to police?
15. How does Bacon compare reading to remedies to physical illness?
16. Analyse the character peculiarity of John David.
17. "This point is of cardinal importance". Analyse the point Orwell refers to.
18. How do photographs appropriate vision?
19. What did the narrator do as he waited for the photographer to turn up?
20. Write a short note on the style of 'Valentine's Day'.

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

21. Do you think Bacon's musings on learning still relevant? Elucidate.
22. What is biographical novel? Identify and critique its features.
23. How did Orwell base his view on the relationship between democracy and the availability of cheap, simple weapons?
24. 'Humankind lingers unregenerately in Plato's cave, still reveling, its age-old habit, in mere images of the truth.' Elucidate.
25. What all faults does the photographer find in the body of the narrator?
26. What were the conditions of prisons for children during the time of Wilde?

27. How did Kaunda explain his basic points to the chemist?

**(5 x 5 = 25)**

**PART D**

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

28. Estimate the character of Alicia in 'A Quiet Life'.
29. Do you agree with the relationship that Orwell establishes in his essay "You and the Atom Bomb" between democracy and the availability of cheap, simple weapons? Substantiate your point of view.
30. Discuss in the light of the texts you have read the importance of humanity over all other considerations.
31. Critically evaluate how racism works in society in the context of the essay "Colour Bar".

**(12 x 2 = 24)**