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# B. A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S) EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2018 (2017 Admission Improvement / Supplementary and 2015 & 2016 Admission Supplementary)

## **SEMESTER I - CORE COURSE (ENGLISH)**

## ENIB01B - AN INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH STUDIES AND METHODOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

**Maximum Marks: 80** 

#### PART A

## I. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. What is the meaning of the term 'social construction of identity'?
- 2. What is the main conflict between Smirnov and Popov?
- 3. In which collection of Eliot's poetry does Skimbleshanks feature?
- 4. Why is English called an 'imperial language'?
- 5. What is *taste*?
- 6. What is an ode?

(6x1=6)

#### **PART B**

## II. Answer any seven questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 7. What is Culture?
- 8. Saussure's theory of signs
- 9. Language and Culture.
- 10. What is the men's attitude to the drowned man in the story "The Most Handsome Drowned Man in the World"?
- 11. Lyric poetry.
- 12. Name the elements Shelley uses in his ode.
- 13. The west wind as preserver in Shelly's ode.
- 14. Is history a social science or a subject of the humanities?
- 15. What is a belief system?
- 16. Explain "the imperial language".

(7x2=14)

#### **PART C**

# III. Answer any five questions. Each question carries 6 marks.

- 17. Bring out the comical elements in The Boor.
- 18. One Act Plays.
- 19. Describe the reasons behind the marriage of Popov and Smirnov.
- 20. Attempt an analysis of "Skimbleshanks the Railway Cat".
- 21. Drama as a genre.
- 22. The Elegy.
- 23. The tradesmen in A Midsummer Night's Dream.
- 24. Max Weber's contribution to the social sciences.

(5x6=30)

### **PART D**

- IV. Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks.
- 25. Attempt an essay on communication and media.
- 26. Describe the transformation that takes place over the course of the story "The Most Handsome Drowned Man in the World."
- 27. Attempt a brief character sketch of Bottom the weaver.
- 28. Discuss the meanings of the play's title, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

(2x15=30)