# B. A. / B. Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2023

# 2022 Admissions Regular & 2021 Admissions Supplementary / Improvement And 2020, 2019 And 2018 Admissions Supplementary

# SEMESTER II - COMMON COURSE 1 (ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE) EN2A04B18 - SAVOURING THE CLASSICS

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 80

#### Part A

### I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks

(10x2=20)

- 1. Illustrate Virgil's description of the she-wolf.
- 2. Interpret the phrase 'this dark world and wide' in the poem 'On His Blindness'.
- 3. Who appeared outside the hut of Eumaeus?
- 4. "You taught me first to beg, and now methinks/ You teach me how a beggar should be answered." Explain.
- 5. "Parting is such sweet sorrow that I shall say good night till it be morrow." Explain.
- 6. Discuss how Shylock is defeated by Balthasar.
- 7. Recall how Don Quixote's lance broke.
- Throw light on Charlotte and Elizabeth's views on "happiness in marriage".
- 9. Explain why Jean Valjean cries out "I'm a wretch" after his encounter with Petit Gervais.
- 10. What was imprinted on the piece of paper laid open by the Kabuliwala?
- 11. What did Pahom wish for?
- 12. Quote Pahom's words that incite the Devil to challenge him.

#### Part B

## II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks

(6x5=30)

- 13. What did the poet accomplish from the discussions with the learned men?
- 14. How does the shade of Virgil introduce itself?
- 15. The atmosphere of mutual admiration in this scene creates a sense of equality between the lovers. Explain.
- 16. Discuss the significance of mercy as explained by Balthasar.
- 17. "I could easily forgive his pride, if he had not mortified mine." Explain with reference to the context.
- 18. Compare and contrast the characters of Mr. and Mrs. Bennet.
- 19. Attempt a character analysis of Don Quixote.
- 20. How did Pahom get land of his own?
- 21. Describe the incidents in the Irish war of Independence as mentioned in Borges's story.

#### Part C

### III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks

(2x15=30)

- 22. Describe in detail the meeting between Dante and Virgil.
- 23. Discuss in detail the meeting between Romeo and Juliet.
- 24. "Jean Valjean is a man wronged by his society." Examine.
- 25. Comment on the nuances of the title of the story 'Kabuliwala'.