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

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SEMESTER IV - CORE COURSE (ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES)

CE4B12B18 - MODES OF FICTION

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

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

(10x2=20)

1. Who is Elaine in the story 'The Executor'?
2. How did the Foundation find out about Uncle's unpublished novel in 'The Executor'?
3. What made Winzy pen the story of his life?
4. Explain the series of confusing events that puts detective Valentin on the trail of Flambeau in the story 'The Blue Cross'.
5. Describe how Mrs. Mallard heard the news of her husband's death in 'The Story of an Hour'.
6. Convey Lawson's characterisation of the drover's wife.
7. Give reason for Josephine's anxiety in 'The Story of an Hour'.
8. Comment on the style of the story 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings'.
9. Explain the words of Carton the seamstress whom he sees on his way to execution.
10. Give the reason why Darnay changed his surname.
11. Doctor Manette picked up a new hobby in prison. Explain.
12. How is the novel 'A Tale of Two Cities' divided in terms of books, chapters and content?

Part B

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

(6x5=30)

13. How did Bertha reveal her jealous nature in 'The Mortal Immortal'?
14. Describe the character of Susan Kyle in the story 'The Executor'.
15. Mrs. Smith had various isolated ideas for things she might write about. List these ideas as mentioned in "On The Day That E. M. Forster Died".
16. Explain Nadine Gordimer's commentary on racism and fear in 'Once Upon a Time'.
17. Describe the ailments of the visitors in 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings'.
18. Convey Maxim Gorky's characterisation of the son in 'The Mother of a Traitor'.
19. Describe how Charles Darnay is introduced in the novel A Tale of Two Cities.
20. How does Jerry Cruncher introduce the theme of resurrection in 'A Tale of Two Cities'?
21. Discuss how Gaspard's actions and fate symbolize the cruelty of the French aristocracy and the effect this cruelty had on the French people.

Part C

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

(2x15=30)

22. Bring out the significance of the words "speck in the distance" in Muriel Spark's 'The Executor'.

23. H.G. Wells in 'The Stolen Body' describes the shadow world as being inhabited by "the dark and silent shadows of ineffectual desire and the shadows of lost men." Explain the significance of this line.
24. Illustrate the themes that Maxim Gorky attempted to convey in his short story 'The Mother of a Traitor'.
25. Briefly narrate the plot of A Tale of Two Cities