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

(2021 Admissions Regular, 2020 Admissions Supplementary / Improvement, 2019 &2018 Admissions Supplementary)
SEMESTER IV - CORE COURSE (ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)
EN4B05B18 - MODES OF FICTION

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 80

Part A

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

(10x2=20)

- 1. Describe the "Blue Cross" in the short story.
- 2. Explain the reason why Valentin suspects that Flambeau is going to the international conference of clergymen.
- 3. State the reasons why the Macphails and the Davidsons disapprove of the natives in the ship.
- 4. Describe what activity of the enemy could be seen from inside the city in "The Mother of a Traitor".
- 5. Comment on the title of the story, "Little Selves".
- 6. Assess the first impression of the parish priest about the winged man.
- 7. Analyse what the story "Little Selves" highlights.
- 8. Explain why Rosemary enjoys shopping at the antique store. What does her response to the shop owner's flattery tell you about her character?
- 9. Comment on the image of the open window in "The Story of an Hour".
- 10. State why Charles Darnay wishes to renounce his family name.
- 11. Write a character sketch of Charles Darnay.
- 12. Comment on the newfound friendship of Carton with the seamstress before his death.

Part B

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

(6x5=30)

- 13. H. G. Wells is a science fiction writer. Justify the statement with reference to the short story "The Stolen Body".
- 14. Attempt a character sketch of Aristide Valentin.
- 15. Analyze the character of Rosemary Fell.
- 16. Analyse how the villagers treat the angel.
- 17. Describe the ailments of the visitors in the story "A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings".
- 18. Comment on the racial overtones in "The Drover's Wife".
- 19. What are some of the Irish beliefs Lerner presents in "Little Selves"?
- 20. Evaluate the significance of London and Paris as the setting of the novel A Tale of Two Cities.
- 21. Evaluate how Carton saves Darnay from execution.

Part C

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

(2x15=30)

- 22. Discuss "The Blue Cross" as a detective story.
- 23. Attempt a critical summary of the story "Once Upon a Time" considering the socio-political conditions in South Africa.
- 24. Analyse "A Dark Brown Dog" as a retelling of the reconstruction period in America.
- 25. Justify how Lucie acts as the golden thread that connects the characters in Dickens' novel.