

B.A. Semester II (Honours/ General) Examination 2022 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Paper: GE-2/CC-1B

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to answer in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer **any ten** of the following questions: 2x10=20

- a. What, according to R. K. Narayan, is “the most noticeable deficiency in any library today”?
- b. What, for R. K. Narayan, is “a very pleasant and sustaining thought”?
- c. Why does Orwell say that he “was hated by large numbers of people” in Moulmein?
- d. What was the elephant doing when Orwell saw it for the first time?
- e. Orwell was initially unwilling to shoot the elephant. Why?
- f. How did Orwell react to the sight of the dying elephant?
- g. Explain the description – “half rich Bulgarian, half cheap Viennese”.
- h. Sergius is regarded as “the hero of the hour, the idol of the regiment”. Why?
- i. Who is referred to as “chocolate cream soldier” and why?
- j. What older work does the title *Arms and the Man* refer to?
- k. “He did it like an operatic tenor—a regular handsome fellow, with flashing eyes and lovely moustache, shouting a war-cry and charging like Don Quixote at the windmills.” Who is being described here?
- l. Why does Sheila return her engagement ring to Gerald?
- m. Why did Arthur Birling dismiss Eva Smith from her job?
- n. Who describes the Titanic as a ship that is unsinkable?
- o. Name the town where the Birling family lives.

2. Answer **any four** of the following questions: 5x4=20

- a. Critically comment on how Orwell describes the crowd that gathered to watch the killing of the elephant.

- b. Analyse the motto that, according to R. K. Narayan, should be displayed at every library.
- c. Discuss R. K. Narayan's perspective on the term "library movement".
- d. Comment critically on the ending of J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*.
- e. What role does Major Petkoff play in *Arms and the Man*?
- f. What is the historical background of the play *Arms and the Man*?

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions: 10x2=20

- a. Discuss how Orwell reveals "the real nature of imperialism" in "Shooting an Elephant".
- b. (i) Shaw challenges the romantic view of war in *Arms and the Man*. Discuss.

Or

(ii) Show how Shaw balances serious and comic elements in *Arms and the Man*.

- c. (i) Discuss how R. K. Narayan offers a witty description of "a library without books".

Or

(ii) J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* exposes the hypocrisy and selfishness of upper middle class society. Discuss.

- d. Analyse Hemingway's portrayal of Santiago's relationship with the sea.