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BCMENL 253

IV Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, April/May 2019

(Credit Based Semester Scheme)

(Common to all Batches)

ENGLISH

General Proficiency and Communicative English

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 80

SECTION - A

Answer **any two** of the following in not more than two pages each :

(2 × 10 = 20)

1. Discuss 'The Importance of Being Earnest' as a farce.
2. Bring out explicitly the character traits of Lady Bracknell.
3. Contrast the character of Gwendolen and Cecily with reference to 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.
4. What attitudes towards marriage do Oscar Wilde's characters exhibit in the play?

Answer **any five** of the following questions in a page each :

(5 × 6 = 30)

5. Write a note on Miss Prism.
6. Why does Jack find it necessary to "kill" his brother Ernest?
7. What is Wilde's views on formal education?
8. Who is a "Bunburyist"? Why does Algernon find it necessary to be one?
9. Why does Jack assume a double identity?
10. Describe Lady Bracknell's interview with Jack.
11. Write a note on Dr. Frederick Chasuble.
12. How does Gwendolen react to Jack's declaration of love?

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Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them: **(2 × 5 = 10)**

13. Both? To lose one parent, Mr. Worthing, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness. Who was your father? He was evidently a man of some wealth. Was he born in what the Radical papers call the purple of commerce, or did he rise from the ranks of the aristocracy?
- (a) Who is the speaker? **(1)**
- (b) Why does the speaker make these enquiries? **(2)**
- (c) Explain the illogicality of the Speaker's argument. **(2)**
14. Pardon me, you are not engaged to anyone. When you do become engaged to someone, I, or your father, should his health permit him, will inform you of the fact. An engagement should come on a young girl as a surprise, pleasant or unpleasant as the case may be. It is hardly a matter that she could be allowed to arrange for.
- (a) Why does the speaker say 'you are not engaged to anyone'? **(1)**
- (b) Explain the paradox in these lines. **(2)**
- (c) What do these lines reveal about the speaker? **(2)**
15. Unmarried! I do not deny that is a serious blow. But after all, who has the right to cast a stone against one who has suffered? Cannot repentance wipe out an act of jolly? Why should there be one law for men, and another for women? Mother, I forgive you.
- (a) Who does the speaker call 'mother' in these lines? **(1)**
- (b) What does 'cast a stone' allude to? **(2)**
- (c) Explain the humour in these lines. **(2)**
16. To save my poor, innocent, trusting boy from the machinations of any other girl there are no lengths to which I would not go.
- (a) Who does 'poor, innocent, trusting boy' refer to? **(1)**
- (b) Who is the other girl? What machinations does the speaker refer to? **(2)**
- (c) What did the speaker do to 'save the poor innocent boy'? **(2)**



SECTION - B

17. (a) Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics in not more than two pages : **(10)**

- (i) Students and social media.
- (ii) The effects of fast food on health.
- (iii) A visit to an industrial unit.

(b) Write a report on **any one** of the following in about 20-25 lines : **(5)**

- (i) A literary festival held at Government Science College, Bangalore.
- (ii) A Medical Camp organized in your town.

(c) Write a job application along with C.V. for the post of an accountant. Address your application to : **(5)**

The Managing Director
Apex Iron and Steel Co. Ltd.
Kurve Road, Pune - 420052
Sender's address : Reena Goenka
A-134/B, Netaji Road, Bangalore - 18.