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English Language and Literature

Core Course—READING FICTION

(2012–2016 Admissions—Mercy Chance)

(For Private Registration Candidates]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Instructions : *This question paper contains two sections. Answer Section I questions in the answer-book provided. Section II Internal Examination questions must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instructions given under Section II.*

Section I

PART A (OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS)

Answer all questions.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.

- I. 1 Which type of narrative technique is used in the story “The Night the Ghost Got in” ?
- (a) First person. (b) Second person.
(c) Third person. (d) None of these.
- 2 What was the board exhibited before the boot-maker’s shop ?
- (a) Quality boots. (b) German boots.
(c) Russian boots. (d) Gessler brothers.
- 3 Where was the lawyer imprisoned in the story “The Bet” ?
- (a) In the lawyer’s Garden House.
(b) In the Banker’s Garden House.
(c) In the Author’s Garden House.
(d) None of these.
- 4 Where does Nick live in the summer of 1922 ?
- (a) Long island’s West Egg. (b) Long island’s East Egg.
(c) Manhattan. (d) Minneapolis.

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- II. 5 What sits in the valley between the East and West Egg ?
- (a) Gatsby's mansion.
 - (b) Nick's office.
 - (c) An orphanage.
 - (d) An ash heap.
- 6 How do Gatsby and Nick know one another ?
- (a) They served in the war together.
 - (b) Gatsby's father was Nick's family's butler.
 - (c) They went to grade school together.
 - (d) Gatsby was once married to Nick's sister.
- 7 What leads Nick to believe Gatsby might have acquired his money illegally ?
- (a) He meets the shady figure Wolfshiem.
 - (b) He sees Gatsby cleaning a gun.
 - (c) Gatsby asks Nick to deliver "a package".
 - (d) He notices a detective following Gatsby.
- 8 Why is Gatsby nervous when he meets Nick outside his house ?
- (a) He is eager for Nick to arrange a meeting with Daisy.
 - (b) He is waiting for a "shipment".
 - (c) He is worried that he has offended Nick.
 - (d) He has just killed someone.
- III. 9 Who is Dan Cody ?
- (a) A newspaper reporter.
 - (b) Gatsby's assistant.
 - (c) A wealthy copper mogul.
 - (d) Gatsby's father.
- 10 What does Tom make fun to Gatsby for ?
- (a) Wearing a pink suit.
 - (b) Throwing bad parties.
 - (c) Calling people "old sport".
 - (d) Being short.
- 11 Why does Wilson conclude that Myrtle was killed by her lover ?
- (a) Tom tells him.
 - (b) Myrtle whispers this to him before she dies.
 - (c) The Dr. Eckleburg billboard reveals this to him.
 - (d) He is told this in a dream.





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- 12 Which statement best characterizes Tom's feelings toward Gatsby's death ?
- (a) He blames himself.
 - (b) He thinks it was unfortunate but inevitable.
 - (c) He thinks Gatsby deserved it.
 - (d) He wishes he would have been the one to die.
- IV. 13 How does Paul's mother speak to Paul when they speak of luck ?
- (a) Bitterly.
 - (b) Tenderly.
 - (c) Motherly.
 - (d) Uncertainly.
- 14 Who believed that there would be no difference whether knew or did not know about how to read and write ?
- (a) The Verger.
 - (b) The new Vicar.
 - (c) The Warden.
 - (d) None of these.
- 15 Who told John that Mr. Gessler was dead because of starvation ?
- (a) The English man.
 - (b) John's father.
 - (c) The Dutch man.
 - (d) None of these.
- 16 The nameless guy in the story 'The Terror' has only met his future wife :
- (a) Four times.
 - (b) Two times.
 - (c) Several times.
 - (d) None of these.

(4 × 1 = 4)

PART B

Answer any **five** of the following questions in a **sentence or two**.
Each question carries a weight of 1.

- 17 Why does Jakes Thurber and his mother thoroughly befuddled ?
- 18 Where was the boot-maker's shop located ?
- 19 What is the bet of the young lawyer ?
- 20 What was the discovery that astonished the Vicar ?
- 21 Why does Paul ride his rocking horse ?
- 22 How does Nick characterize Gatsby's state of mind before he is killed ?
- 23 What does Gatsby tell Nick about himself ?
- 24 Why does Tom attack Myrtle at the end of the party ?

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PART C

*Answer any **four** of the following each in about 100 words.
Each question carries a weight of 2.*

- 25 How does Nick's non chronological narration shape your response to the events surrounding the mystery of Jay Gatsby ?
- 26 How does the geography of the novel 'The Great Gatsby' dictate its themes and characters ?
- 27 What are some of 'The Great Gatsby's' most important symbols ? What does the novel says about the symbols in life ?
- 28 What arguments did the verger provide for his being illiterate and how did the Vicar react against it ?
- 29 What part of his past is Gatsby trying to capture ? Why does he believe that the past can be repeated ?
- 30 How does Chinua Achebe presents the conflict between African civilization and Westernization in 'The Sacrificial Egg' ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

PART D

*Answer any **two** of the following each in about 300 words.
Each question carries a weight of 4.*

- 31 Analyse the culture identity in Indo-Caribbean fiction as revealed in Love, Love, love, Alone.
- 32 Write a critical appreciation to Nadine Godimer's story 'A Watcher of the Dead'.
- 33 Does the novel 'The Great Gatsby' critique or uphold the values of the Jazz age and the fears of the lost generation or the American Dream in 1920s ? Discuss.

(2 × 4 = 8)

