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B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2024

Fourth Semester

B.A. English

Core Course—READING FICTION

(Common for all B.A. English Programmes)

[2013–2016 Admissions]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

*Answer all questions, each in a sentence.
Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. What are the eyes of Doctor T.J. Eckleburg ?
2. Who is the narrator of the novel 'The Great Gatsby' ?
3. How is the road between West Egg and East Egg is described ?
4. What do you know about Gatsby's past ?
5. Why does Gatsby throw extravagant parties ?
6. What conclusions did the grandfather jump to when he saw the cops ?
7. Who were in the vestry besides the verger and the vicar ?
8. What were Paul's reasons for keeping the rocking horse ?
9. What are the peculiarities of John Vincent Moon in "The shape of the Sword" ?
10. Where does Chinua Achebe's story 'The Sacrificial Egg' take place ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

*Answer any eight of the following in about 50 words each.
Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. What is the common feature you find in the people of East Egg and West Egg ?
12. How did Gatsby react when the police stopped his car ?
13. Why did Daisy drink herself into numbness the night before her wedding ?
14. Why did Gatsby buy his mansion in West Egg ?

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15. What did Gatsby request Jordan Baker ?
16. What is the point of view of the novel 'The Great Gatsby' ?
17. How did the author John Galsworthy know Mr. Gessler ?
18. What was the banker's view on capital punishment and life imprisonment ?
19. What is the surprising ending of Guy de Maupassant's story 'The Terror' ?
20. What is the structure of Karel Capek's story 'The Last Judgement' ?
21. What are the themes used in Mulk Raj Anand's story 'The Gold Watch' ?
22. What is the background of the story 'The Sacrificial Egg' ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

*Answer any **six** of the following in about 100 words each.
Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. Attempt a character sketch of Jordan Baker.
24. What traits does Nick find admirable about Gatsby ? Discuss.
25. Discuss the appropriateness of the title 'The Great Gatsby'.
26. What are the autobiographical elements in the story 'A Watcher of the Dead' ?
27. What is the theme of the story 'Quality' ?
28. What message is conveyed through the story 'The Bet' ?
29. According to Gatsby, why did he start creating a 'better' past for himself ?
30. Who does Wilson think Myrtle's lover is ? Why ?
31. What is Nick Carraway's attitude toward the East and the West ? Discuss.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

*Answer any **two** of the following in about 300 words each.
Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. Attempt a critical appreciation to the story "The Watcher of the Dead".
33. Summarise the story "Love, Love, Love Alone" in your own words.
34. Discuss the structure of the novel "The Great Gatsby".
35. Critically evaluate the judgement and punishment in the story "The Last Judgement".

(2 × 15 = 30)

