

B.A. 2nd Semester (General) Examination, 2019 (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 give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer *any ten* of the following questions: 2×10=20
- (a) What was the name of the little town in Burma in “Shooting an Elephant”? In what capacity was the author posted there?
 - (b) How did the Buddhist priests behave with the Europeans as described by Orwell?
 - (c) What did Orwell think about “Imperialism”?
 - (d) “It was a tiny incident in itself” — What was the incident?
 - (e) How did Orwell become sure of the ravages caused by the elephant?
 - (f) “Every white man’s life in the East was long struggle not to be laughed at” — What is the occasion of this remark?
 - (g) Why did the author think that the elephant had the look of a grandmother?
 - (h) What battle is referred to in *Arms and the Man*?
 - (i) “A cavalry charge ! think of that” — What is a “cavalry charge”?
 - (j) “Nine soldiers out of ten are born fools” — Who says this and what does he mean?
 - (k) Comment on the reference of “Don Quixote” in *Arms and the Man*.
 - (l) Why does Nicola want Louka to marry Sergius?
 - (m) What is the most important thing to be considered while setting up a library according to the author?
 - (n) What is the ‘great handicap for the libraries’ mentioned in “A Library without Books”?
 - (o) What is the name of the ‘Inspector’ in ‘An Inspector Calls’? Whom does he question first?
2. Answer *any four* of the following questions: 5×4=20
- (a) In “Shooting an Elephant”, why did the narrator hesitate to kill the elephant?
 - (b) “What use are cartridges in battle? I always carry chocolate instead; and I finished the last cake of that hours ago.”—Explain with reference to the context.
 - (c) What part does Major Petkoff’s old coat play in the plot of *Arms and the Man*?
 - (d) How is the man who enters Raina’s bed-chamber described?
 - (e) Which things were given importance while constructing the library in the town?
 - (f) What was the ‘Inspector’s intention behind visiting the Birling family?

3. Answer any two of the following questions:

10×2=20

(a) How does Orwell recount his experience of Burmese life?

Or,

Why does Orwell say that 'when the white man turns tyrant, it is his own freedom that he destroys'?

(b) Compare and contrast the characters of Bluntschli and Sergius in Bernard Shaw's *Arms and the Man*.

Or,

Write a note on the sub-plot of Nicola and Louka in *Arms and the Man*.

(c) Write a note on the relationship between Santiago and Manolin in *The Old Man and the Sea*.

Or,

Comment on the use of symbols in *The Old Man and the Sea*.

(d) Write a note on the character of Gerald Craft in "An Inspector Calls".

Or,

Explain and comment on the title of 'A Library without Books'.