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**U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019**

**English Literature**

**Allied – DEVELOPING LANGUAGE SKILLS**

**(CBCS – 2014 onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

**Part A**

(10 × 2 = 20)

Answer **all** the questions.

1. Why do we read?
2. Why do we skim a text?
3. How do you respond to the greeting, “How do you do”?
4. How do you introduce yourself before your new boss?
5. “I’m getting married, man! Why don’t you make it?” – This expression is ————— .
6. How can one reject the invitation? Give example.
7. State the purpose of writing agenda.
8. Comment on the structure of a formal letter.
9. Can you use ‘articles and preposition’ when writing telegrams? — give your answer.
10. What are tested through Group Discussion?

**Part B**

(5 × 5 = 25)

Answer **all** the questions.

11. (a) State the importance of scanning of a text.

Or

- (b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

Tiresias is a well – known character from ancient Greek legend. His four peculiar qualities, according to Greek legend, are: He is blind; he however possesses power to prophetic vision; and he is immortal and bisexual. His legend has been mentioned by Ovid in his book, *Metamorphoses*. Had Eliot employed Tiresias as the same blind prophet of the Greek legend that figured in Ovid's work long ago, he is blind, but a visionary and has the experience of both the sexes, he is also immortal like the Tiresias of the Greek legend. So Graham Hough asks, "who was Tiresias?" Then the critic himself answers his own question: "A man who had also been a woman, who lives forever and could foretell the future. That is to say, not a single human consciousness but a mythological catch-all and as a unifying factor of no effect whatever."

## Questions

- (i) Who was Tiresias?
- (ii) What are the four qualities that Tiresias possesses?
- (iii) Name the work written by Ovid.
- (iv) Who according to Graham Hough was Tiresias?
- (v) Give the meanings of the words: peculiar, immortal.

12. (a) Write a dialogue using the expressions 'greeting and responding to greetings'.

Or

- (b) Introduce yourself to your brother's wife's family members.
13. (a) Ask your father's permission to join in military service.

Or

- (b) Apologize for being late to the meeting.
14. (a) Write an agenda of the Pongal Festival Celebrations in your college. Imagine that you have invited the District Collector for the function.

Or

- (b) Write a letter to your mother who has recently gone to London for executing official assignments.
15. (a) Send a telegram to your cousin inviting him to spend the vacation with you in your village.

Or

- (b) Write your curriculum vitae.

### Part C

(3 × 10 = 30)

Answer any **three** of the following questions.

16. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone who lies in bed late is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to go without the evening exercise which is so necessary for his health.

In spite of all his efforts his work will not produce as good results as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he cannot take advantage of the refreshing hours of the morning. Some people say that the quiet hour of mid-night is the best time for working. Several great thinkers say that they can write best only when they burn the mid-night oil. Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at mid-night when the body needs rest and sleep. Those who work at that time soon ruin their health. Bad health must, in the long run, have a bad effect on the quality of their work.

Questions:

- (a) Why is early rising better than rising late?
  - (b) What has a man who has to work till late hours in the evening to forgo?
  - (c) Why do some thinkers burn mid-night oil?
  - (d) What is the disadvantage of working at mid-night when nature wants the body to rest?
  - (e) Explain the phrases: in the long run, burn the mid-night oil.
17. Imagine that you are organizing an exhibition. Greet the invites and introduce the guests to one another.
18. Imagine that you are asking permission for taking training to become pilot. But your father does not permit you. Still you make him accept your wish. Write a dialogue.
19. Write the minutes of the 'National Level Seminar' conducted in your department.
20. Talk on the topic, "Role of students in Politics". Conduct this talk in a form of group discussion.