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**BCMENL 253**

**Credit Based IV Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, May/June 2016  
(2015-16 Batch Onwards)**

**ENGLISH**

**General Proficiency and Communicative English**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**SECTION – A**

I. Answer **any two** of the following in **not more than two** pages **each** : **(2×10=20)**

- 1) How is Lady Bracknell an epitome of aristocratic snobbishness in the play 'The Importance of Being Earnest' ?
- 2) Sketch the character of Algernon Moncrieff.
- 3) Elaborate on the themes discussed in the play 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.
- 4) Examine 'The Importance of Being Earnest' as a farce.

II. Answer **any five** of the following in **a page each** : **(5×6=30)**

- 1) Write a note on role reversal in the play 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.
- 2) How does Algernon come to believe that John Worthing has another life ?
- 3) Write a note on Miss. Prism.
- 4) Comment on the episode where Lady Bracknell interviews Jack.
- 5) Bring out the farce in the episode where Jack and Algernon decide to be Christened again.
- 6) How does Oscar Wilde bring out class differences between the servants and aristocrats ?
- 7) How does Jack try to convince Lady Bracknell that Cecily is a suitable wife for Algernon ?
- 8) Write a note on Dr. Fredrick Chasuble.

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III. Annotate **any two** of the following passages :

- 1) Oh, before the end of the week I shall have got rid of him. I'll say he died in Paris of apoplexy.
  - a) Who does the speaker want to get rid of ? 1
  - b) Why does the speaker wish to get rid of this person ? 2
  - c) What reason would the speaker give for the person's death ? 2
  
- 2) 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 folly ?
  - a) Who is discussed in these lines ? 1
  - b) What does 'cast a stone' refer to ? 2
  - c) Explain the humour in these lines ? 2
  
- 3) A country house ! How many bedrooms ? Well, that point can be cleared up afterwards. You have a town house, I hope ? A girl with a simple, unspoiled nature, like Gwendolen, could hardly be expected to reside in the country.
  - a) Whom does the speaker address ? 1
  - b) What is the context of the passage ? 2
  - c) Explain the paradox in these lines. 2
  
- 4) Considering that we have been engaged since February the 14<sup>th</sup> and that I only met you to-day for the first time, I think it is rather hard that you should leave me for so long a period as half an hour. Couldn't you make it twenty minutes ?
  - a) Who is engaged to whom ? 1
  - b) What is strange about the engagement ? 2
  - c) What is 'rather hard' for the speaker to do ? 2



SECTION – B

- IV. 1) Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics in **not more than two pages** : **10**
- a) The importance of studying English.
  - b) Gender equality.
  - c) Rain water harvesting.
- 2) Write a report on **any one** of the following in **20-25 lines** : **5**
- a) Blood donation camp held at Government College, Pune.
  - b) Activities of the English Literary Association.
- 3) Write a job application for the post of music teacher at Sangeeth College of Fine Arts, R. M. Road, Lucknow. Enclose a C.V. Separately. **5**
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