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BCMENL 253

**Credit Based IV Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, April/May 2017
(2015-16 Batch Onwards) (Semester Scheme)**

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) Compare and contrast the characters of Jack and Algernon.
- 2) Justify the title of the play 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.
- 3) How is Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest' a farcical play?
- 4) Sketch the character of Cecily Cardew.

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

- 1) What significance do the names and acts of naming or christening hold within the play?
- 2) Write a note on Miss Prism.
- 3) Who is a 'Bunburyist'? Why does Algernon find it necessary to be one?
- 4) Write a note on Dr. Fredrick Chasuble's role in the play 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.
- 5) Why does Jack find it necessary to 'kill' his brother Earnest?
- 6) Evaluate the episode where Jack is interviewed by Lady Bracknell.
- 7) Write a note on the 'relationship' between Dr. Chasuble and Miss Prism.
- 8) What effect does Lady Bracknell's appearance have on the newly reconciled lovers?

III. Annotate any two of the following passages :

1) 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

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- 2) Well, my dear fellow, you need not eat as if you were going to eat it all. You behave as if you were married to her already. You are not married to her already and I don't think you ever will be.
- a) Who does 'her' refer to? 1
 - b) What behaviour does the speaker disapprove of? 2
 - c) Why does the speaker say, 'You are not married to her already and I don't think you ever will be'? 2
- 3) Oh, before the end of the week I shall have got rid of him. I'll say he died in Paris of apoplexy. Lots of people die of apoplexy, quite suddenly, don't they?
- a) Who does the speaker want to get rid of? 1
 - b) Why does the speaker want to get rid of this person? 2
 - c) What reason would the speaker give for the person's death? 2
- 4) To save my poor, innocent, trusting boy from the machinations of any other girl there are no lengths to which I would not go.
- a) Who does 'poor, innocent, trusting boy' refer to? 1
 - b) Who is the other girl? What machinations does the speaker refer to? 2
 - c) What did the speaker do to 'save' the poor innocent boy? 2

SECTION - B

- IV. 1) Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics in **not** more than **two** pages: 10
- a) The merits and demerits of cashless transactions.
 - b) Rain water harvesting.
 - c) Drug abuse and its consequences.
- 2) Write a report on **any one** of the following in **20-25** lines: 5
- a) Activities of the Students' Council.
 - b) Visit to a Home for the Aged.
- 3) Write a job application for the post of Lecturer in Kannada in the Ratnaveera College for Women, Sona Road, Mysore. Enclose a C.V. separately. You are Francis from Cariappa Road, Madikeri. 5