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FACULTY OF ARTS

B.A. (First Year) (First Semester) EXAMINATION

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ENGLISH OPTIONAL

Paper I

(Study of Fiction : Short Story)

(MCQ+Theory)

(Wednesday, 6-4-2016)

Time : 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Time—Two Hours

Maximum Marks—40

N.B. :— (i) All questions are compulsory.

(ii) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

MCQ

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1. (1) Who wrote the short stories based on Science ?
(A) H.G. Wells (B) Rudyard Kipling
(C) Earnest Hemingway (D) O'Henry
- (2) Which of the following is the first attempt by Chaucer to the short story in prose ?
(A) Parson's Tale (B) Tale of Melibee
(C) The Knight's Tale (D) Peasant's Tale
- (3) Who formulated the modern theory of short-story writing ?
(A) Nathaniel Hawthorne (B) Edgar Allen Poe
(C) Addison and Steele (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (4) What are the usual constituents of fiction that are shared by short story ?
(A) Plot and Character
(B) Character and Setting
(C) Plot, Character and Setting
(D) Setting and Plot
- (5) 'The Merry Men', a short story by Robert Louis Stevenson is the sotry of:
(A) Character (B) Plot
(C) Setting (D) Form

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- (6) Why did the professor surprise when he saw the bird at the river ?
 (A) The bird was very beautiful
 (B) The bird was flying very high
 (C) The bird was so ugly
 (D) That kind of bird was not expected to stay there in winter
- (7) What is the name of Mr. Varma's first wife ?
 (A) Radha (B) Kamala
 (C) Leela (D) Vimala
- (8) Who wrote the short story '*After Twenty Years*' ?
 (A) R. Tagore (B) O' Henry
 (C) G.D. Maupassant (D) Nirad C. Chaudhary
- (9) What is the age of the narrator in the short story, *A Ghost* ?
 (A) 72 years (B) 80 years
 (C) 82 years (D) 40 years
- (10) Match the following pairs and choose correct option :
 (1) A Ghost (a) O' Henry
 (2) A Woman is Dead (b) Oscar Wilde
 (3) After Twenty Years (c) Sunita Jain
 (4) The Happy Prince (d) G.D. Maupassant
 (A) (1)—(c), (2)—(b), (3)—(d), (4)—(a)
 (B) (1)—(d), (2)—(c), (3)—(a), (4)—(b)
 (C) (1)—(b), (2)—(d), (3)—(c), (4)—(a)
 (D) (1)—(a), (2)—(b), (3)—(c), (4)—(d)

Theory

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2. Why did the angel think that the leaden heart and the dead bird as the two most precious things in the city ? 10

Or

Describe the ironical sense of humour of Vera in the short story *The Open Window*.

3. Discuss the theme of conflict between friendship and moral duty in the story *After Twenty Years*. 10

Or

How did Mrs. Varma overcome the tragic event of marriage in the story '*A Woman is Dead*' ?

4. Attempt any *two* of the following questions in brief : 10
- (i) Name at least four short story writers who wrote memorable short stories in twentieth century.
 - (ii) Why did Makhan hit Phatik when they were playing with the log ?
 - (iii) What was the occasion at the opening of the story '*A Ghost*' ?
 - (iv) For whom Bob was waiting in the doorway of darkened hardware store ? Why ?