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BCMENL 253

**Credit Based IV Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, September 2022
(2019-20 and Earlier Batches)**

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) Sketch the character of Algernon Moncrieff.
 - 2) Justify the title of the play The Importance of Being Earnest.
 - 3) Evaluate The Importance of Being Earnest as a comedy.
 - 4) What attitudes towards marriage do Oscar Wilde's characters exhibit in the play ?
- II. Answer **any five** of the following in **a page each** : **(5×6=30)**
- 1) Write a note on Miss Prism.
 - 2) Comment on the episode where Lady Bracknell interviews Jack.
 - 3) Why does Jack find it necessary to 'Kill' his brother Earnest ?
 - 4) Who is a 'Bunburyist' ? Why does Algernon find it necessary to be one ?
 - 5) Write a note on Victorian English society with reference to The Importance of Being Earnest.
 - 6) How does Gwendolen react to Jack's declaration of love ?
 - 7) Write a note on the discord between Cecily and Gwendolen.
 - 8) Why does Lady Bracknell not consider Jack an eligible husband for Gwendolen ?
- III. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them.
- 1) Unmarried ! I do not deny that it 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 talked about 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) 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
- 4) You need have no apprehensions. Sprinkling is all that is necessary, Or indeed I think advisable. Our weather is so changeable. At what hour would you wish the ceremony performed ?
- a) Who is the speaker ? 1
- b) What ceremony is referred to here ? 2
- c) Why does the speaker say 'You need have no apprehensions' ? 2

SECTION – B

- IV. 1) Write an essay on **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages. 10
- a) Gender Equality.
- b) Employment opportunities to commerce graduates.
- c) Students and social media.
- 2) Write a report on **any one** of the following in about **20-25** sentences. 5
- a) Blood donation camp.
- b) Study visit.
- 3) Write an application for the post of the HR Manager in The Taj Group of Hotels, Colaba, Mumbai. Your name and address is – Chetan Patak, House No. 50, Jaya Mahal Street, Second Cross, Bangalore – 8. Enclose a CV. 5
