

B.A/B.S.W/B.Sc./B.V.A DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022  
BRANCH XI- ENGLISH  
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE: FOUNDATION CORE

PAPER: LANGUAGE THROUGH LITERATURE - III

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (15 marks)

KIRAN: Mrs. Mehta, no woman has an affair with an older man, especially a married man, for a little bit of respect and trust. It was mainly for the money.

SONAL: At least you are honest.

HASMUKH: It doesn't sound very flattering to me.

SONAL: There are some women I know who are not so honest about their . . . needs.

KIRAN: Who do you mean?

SONAL: I'm talking about my daughter-in-law. Preeti was never like this before. She was nice and caring when he was alive. Now, after the will, she has become unbearable. She frightens me. Sometimes I think she is capable of doing anything for money. You yourself once said that there is something wrong in desiring money with such . . . passion.

KIRAN: Yes. We are not very different, Preeti and I.

SONAL: Don't compare yourself to her. Don't lower yourself.

KIRAN: Don't think of her as lower or me as higher. It's just a question of circumstances. I got my money one way. She is trying to get hers by another.

1. According to Sonal, how has Preeti changed? (3)
2. "Don't compare yourself to her." How is Preeti's desire for money different from Kiran's? (3)
3. What was Kiran's motive in having an affair with Hasmukh? (3)
4. What kind of a relationship does Sonal have with Kiran? (3)
5. Choose the appropriate word/phrase from the passage that is similar in meaning to those mentioned below: (3)
  - a. Very difficult to tolerate
  - b. Full of praise and compliments
  - c. Having the ability

II. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (15 marks)

I give you an onion.  
Its fierce kiss will stay on your lips,  
possessive and faithful  
as we are,  
for as long as we are.

Take it.

Its platinum loops shrink to a wedding ring,  
if you like.

Lethal.

Its scent will cling to your fingers,  
cling to your knife.

1. Which aspects of love are like the “fierce kiss” of an onion? Why? (3)
2. Does the speaker feel that their love will last forever? Give reasons. (3)
3. Does the speaker sound happy about marriage? Why do you think so? (3)
4. Explain the line, “Its scent will cling to your fingers”. (3)
5. Make sentences of your own using any three words/phrases given below. (3)
  - a. shrink
  - b. lethal
  - c. scent
  - d. cling to
  - e. faithful

### SECTION B

**III. Answer three of the following questions in about 200 words each. (3x10=30)**

1. How does the poem “Valentine” make us think differently about love and gifts associated with love?
2. Did you like the ending of the play *Where There is a Will*? Give reasons.
3. Do you agree that “The Unknown Citizen” is a poem that highlights the power of the State over its citizens? Give reasons.
4. Why does Chimamanda Adichie consider knowing only “a single story” of a person or a place dangerous?

### SECTION C

**IV. Choose the correct option to complete the following conditionals. (10x2=20)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_, I will get a bus that will go past my house.
  - a) If I reach the bus stand by 5:30 p.m.
  - b) If I reached the bus stand by 5:30 p.m.
  - c) If I had reached the bus stand by 5:30 p.m.
2. Do you think such a disaster would have occurred \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a) if we looked after Mother Earth
  - b) if we look after Mother Earth
  - c) if we had looked after Mother Earth
3. Shut the door \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) when you will leave the room
  - b) when you leave the room
  - c) when you would have left the room
4. \_\_\_\_\_ if she had braked on time.
  - a) The dog doesn't get hit
  - b) The dog got hit
  - c) The dog wouldn't have been hit

5. \_\_\_\_\_, I would go to Spain by boat.
- If I have been in your place
  - If I were you
  - If I am you
6. I will attend the workshop \_\_\_\_\_.
- if I get there in the morning
  - if I got there in the morning
  - if I was getting there in the morning
7. If I work overtime, \_\_\_\_\_.
- I would get double the amount
  - I will be getting double the amount
  - I get double the amount
8. If it rained very heavily, \_\_\_\_\_ .
- we would get a holiday
  - we get a holiday
  - we will get a holiday
9. \_\_\_\_\_, you may strain your back.
- If you lift that table
  - If you lifted that table
  - If you would have lifted that table
10. Will you win the tournament \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- if you practise the entire day
  - if you are practising the entire day
  - if you had practised the entire day

### SECTION D

#### V. Answer any two of the following questions.

(10x2=20)

- You are the Class Representative. Write a letter to the Principal requesting permission for the class to go on a field trip to Mahabalipuram.
- The vase you had ordered from the company, D'décor, is not delivered on time. Also, when it was delivered, the size of the vase is much smaller than that specified on the company website. Write an E-mail complaining about this to the Sales Manager of the company.
- Ramani Publications has advertised for the post of News Editor in *The Indian Express* dated 23 October 2022. They require editors who have at least five years of experience and a Diploma in Journalistic Writing. Write an application letter for the post of News Editor at Ramani Publications.

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