

B.A/B.S.W/B.Sc./B.V.A DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023
BRANCH XI- ENGLISH
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE
PAPER : LANGUAGE THROUGH LITERATURE – III
SUBJECT CODE : 19EL/FC/LL33
TIME : 3 HOURS
MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Read the following two extracts and answer the questions given below each of them.
(2x15 = 30)

1. Not a cute card or a kissogram.

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.

- a. Why does the speaker feel that the “fierce kiss” of the onion will stay on the lover’s lips? (3)
- b. Identify and explain any two words from the extract that the speaker uses to describe a romantic relationship. (3)
- c. According to the speaker, what makes the onion a better gift than a “cute card or a kissogram”? (3)
- d. Identify words from the extract which mean the following. (3)
 - i. Fatal and dangerous
 - ii. Fragrance
 - iii. Loyal
- e. Use any three of the following words in sentences of your own. Your sentences should clearly bring out the meaning of the words. Do not copy sentences from the extract. (3)

cling shrink possessive loop fierce

2. KIRAN: Has Mukh was intoxicated with his power. He thought he was invincible.
That he could rule from his grave by making his will.
HASMUKH: I have succeeded, have I not?
KIRAN: Isn't it strange how repetitive life is? My brothers. They have turned out to be like their father, going home with bottles of rum wrapped up in newspapers. Beating up their wives. And I, I too am like my mother. I

married a drunkard and I listened to his swearing. And I too have learnt to suffer silently. Oh! Where will all this end? Will the scars our parents lay on us remain forever?

(SONAL consoles KIRAN)

HASMUKH (to KIRAN). You are here to set my family in order. Don't forget your job.

SONAL. I feel sorry for you.

KIRAN. I don't need your pity, Mrs. Mehta. I think we should save it for Hasmukh.

HASMUKH. What? Pity? For me?

KIRAN. He was just like this father, wasn't he?

HASMUKH. No. I wasn't,

SONAL. Yes. He was.

HASMUKH. Don't contradict me, woman!

KIRAN. The same bossy nature?

SONAL Yes.

HASMUKH (together) No.

KIRAN. Did he ever disagree with his father?

SONAL No.

HASMUKH (together) Yes.

KIRAN. Did he ever do anything at all without consulting his father first?

SONAL No. Never

HASMUKH (together) Yes. Always

SONAL. How do you know all this?

KIRAN. It fits in, doesn't it?

SONAL. What do you mean?

HASMUKH (realising). Oh no! I know what she is getting at.

KIRAN. Hasmukh Mehta was living his life in his father's shadow.

- a. According to Kiran, why is life repetitive? (3)
 - b. Why does Kiran say that Hasmukh thought that "he could rule from his grave by making his will"? (3)
 - c. What reasons does Kiran give for stating that "Hasmukh Mehta was living his life in his father's shadow"? (3)
 - d. Why do you think Hasmukh's ghost and Sonal give different answers to Kiran's questions? (3)
 - e. Use any three of the following words/phrases in sentences of your own. Your sentences should clearly bring out the meaning of the words/phrases. Do not copy sentences from the extract. (3)
- consult live in someone's shadow bossy contradict scars

SECTION B

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

1. According to Chimamanda Adichie, why is a single story dangerous?
2. Do you think the Unknown Citizen was happy? Give reasons for your answer.
3. What do you think is the speaker's idea of love in "Valentine",?
4. How did Preethi bring about Hasmukh's death? Why do you think Kiran did not reveal this to others?

SECTION C

III. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets to form conditional sentences. (10x1=10)

1. Ice _____ (melt) when we heat it.
2. If we get separated, _____ (meet) me outside the Church.
3. She will miss the bus if _____ (not leave) soon.
4. If I _____ (have) a large house, I will build a big library.
5. If there is a sale in the store, I _____ (buy) a new pair of shoes.
6. If I _____ (have) her number, I would call her now.
7. If I met King Charles, I _____ (take) a selfie with him.
8. Even if I ate a whole box of sweets, I _____ (crave) for more.
9. If she had not run so fast, she _____ (not be) so tired.
10. _____ (he, miss) the train if he had left home on time?

IV. In each of the following, choose the correct verb forms from the ones given in brackets and form conditional sentences. (10x1=10)

1. My grandfather _____ (falls/will fall) sick if he eats even a little chocolate.
2. If you burn your hand, _____ (will put/put) it under running water.
3. If it _____ (had snowed/snows) in Chennai, I will buy a room heater.
4. Even if my brother gets a chance, he _____ (will not act/would not act) in films.
5. If you _____ (came/come) early, you will meet my mother.
6. She will not meet the doctor unless she _____ (had left/leaves) home now.
7. If I had a cat, I _____ (built/would build) a house in the garden for her.
8. If she had not trained hard, she _____ (would not win/ would not have won) the race.
9. If the boy _____ (ate/ had eaten) good food, he would not be so weak.
10. If I were your fairy Godmother, I _____ (give/would give) you the latest iphone.

SECTION D

V. Answer any two of the following questions. (2x10=20)

1. As the president of the Alumni Association of your school, you want to organise a reunion with around 60 of your batchmates in a nearby hotel. Write an email to the banquet manager of the hotel at banqmgr@hotel.in asking for relevant information.
2. Write a letter to the Director of Green Peace Chennai, asking permission to interview any twenty of their volunteers for a project that you are involved in. The project is about rainwater harvesting in Chennai.
3. You have seen an advertisement in the *Times of India*, dated 23 September 2023, for an English teacher in a nearby school. Write an application letter for this job, stating clearly why you think you are suitable for this job.
