

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2018
(Third Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH

PROSE – II

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

PART – A

- I. **Choose the right answer :** (10 x 1 = 10)
1. One of the ideal characters, according to Russell is -----.
a) indolence b) cowardice c) courage d) procrastination
 2. The ideas and principles that do harm people, though not always, are the ----- for evil passions, according to Russell.
a) cloaks b) blocks c) locks d) wings
 3. ----- is the most unforgettable man by Russell.
a) His Grandfather b) Mr. James c) Mr. Gladstone d) Mr. Karl Marx
 4. The essence of wisdom, according to Russell is -----
a) salvation b) solution c) emancipation d) escapism
 5. A.G. Gardiner compares some people's unresponsive handshake with the touch of a -----.
a) silky cat b) leather bag c) pet dog d) jelly fish
 6. The most repellent bore is the ----- one, according to Lucas.
a) astute b) crafty c) buttonholing d) self-centered
 7. In Huxley's view, today's women are less ----- than their grandmothers.
a) attractive b) virtuous c) scheming d) beautiful
 8. Chesterton points out that all old men are supposed to be like -----
a) Ulysses b) Achilles c) Agamemnon d) Nestor
 9. J.B. Priestley went up to ----- in 1919 for his education.
a) Cambridge b) Oxford c) Trinity d) Sussex
 10. Spelling is the greater breeder of ----- among nations.
a) affinity b) hatred c) cruelty d) connectivity

PART – B

- II. **Annotate the Following:** (5 x 4 = 20)
1. a The follies of our own times are easier to bear when they are seen against the background of past follies.
OR
b Fear should be overcome not only in action but in feeling; and only in conscious feeling, but in the unconscious as well.
 2. a. On the other six days of the week, we are exhorted to hate. But you will remember that the precept was exemplified by saying that the Samaritan was our neighbour.
OR
b. No degree of democratic feeling and of desire to identify himself with the common herd could make him anything but a natural aristocrat, a man whose personal distinction commanded respect.

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3. a. Both impulses are pretentious and empty. They are not honest movements towards money-making or beauty.
OR
b. Also, even the least self-centered of men can now and then have a personal experience sufficiently odd to lose its true proportions and force him to inflict it over much over much on others.
4. a. It is great fun to find out that the world has not repeated proverbs because they are proverbial, but because they are practical.
OR
b. Still, it is a sufficiently good imitation to be sometimes mistakable for the real thing.
5. a. The lion in the cage at the menagerie seem to be only about one third size of the lion of my dreams. And he bore few marks of regality. Life in a cage in a travelling menagerie, does not I fancy, conduce to kingliness of bearing.
OR
b. There is something else, just as bad, perhaps even worse and evidence of it is amply supplied to us by TV cameras and mikes.

PART – C

III. Write essays of 300 words each: (5 x 9 = 45)

1. a. Enumerate the suggestions are provided by Russell for overcoming silly errors in life.
OR
b. Make an analysis of the characteristics that could make an Ideal character, according to Russell.
2. a. Explicate the appreciation of Russell of the men who impressed him the most.
OR
b. Distinguish between Knowledge and Wisdom, in the light of the essay of Russell.
3. a. Justify the title *Hymn Before Action*.
OR
b. "Gardiner excelled in "pen-portraits" of eminent personages" – Substantiate the view.
4. a. Comment upon the prevalence of irony and humour in the essays of G.K.Chesterton.
OR
b. Assess Huxley's style of writing with special reference to the essays prescribed in the syllabus.
5. a. Estimate the merits of Robert Lynd as a modern essayist.
OR
b. Critically evaluate the essay *Student Mobs*.

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