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**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

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**Second Semester B.A. / B.Sc. Degree Examination, June 2015**

**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**

**Language Course: English – II**

**AUEN211.1 / AUEN211.2: Reading Skills**

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

**SECTION – A**

*Answer ALL questions each in a word or in a sentence.*

1. What is Scanning ?
2. What does the abbreviation SQ3R stand for ?
3. Explain the difference between the words ‘prefix’ and ‘suffix’ with examples.
4. What is photo reading ?
5. Put the letters in the correct order to form a word L E B E L I I L G
6. Define the term ‘terminators’.
7. What is an Orthographical dictionary ?
8. Find the odd one out: Google, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Chrome
9. What is meant by Eye fixation ?
10. How can a dictionary of neologism help improve our reading skills ?

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

**SECTION – B**

*Read the following passages and answer any FOUR questions from each passage, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.*

**Passage – I**

The Trojan War is one of the most famous wars in history. It is well known for the 10 – year duration, for the heroism of a number of legendary characters, and

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for the Trojan horse. What may not be familiar, however, is the story of how the war began.

According to Greek myth, the strife between the Trojans and the Greeks started at the wedding of Peleus, King of Thessaly, and Thetis, a sea nymph. All of the gods and goddesses had been invited to the wedding celebration in Troy except Eris, goddess of discord. She had been omitted from the guest list because her presence always embroiled mortals and immortals alike in conflict.

To take revenge on those who had slighted her, Eris decided to cause a skirmish. Into the middle of the banquet hall, she threw a golden apple marked “for the most beautiful”. All of the goddesses began to haggle over who should possess it. The gods and goddesses reached a stalemate when the choice was narrowed to Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite. Someone was needed to settle the controversy by picking a winner. The job eventually fell to Paris, son of King Priam of Troy, who was said to be a good judge of beauty. Paris did not have an easy job. Each goddess, eager to win the golden apple, tried aggressively to bribe him.

“I’ll grant you vast kingdoms to rule,” promised Hera. “Vast kingdoms are nothing in comparison with my gift,” contradicted Athena. “Choose me and I’ll see that you win victory and fame in war”. Aphrodite outdid her adversaries, however. She won the golden apple by offering Helen, daughter of Zeus and the most beautiful mortal in the land, to Paris. Paris, anxious to claim Helen, set off for Sparta in Greece.

Although Paris learned that Helen was married, he nevertheless accepted the hospitality of her husband, King Menelaus of Sparta. Therefore, Menelaus was outraged for a number of reasons when Paris departed, taking Helen and much of the king's wealth back to Troy. Menelaus collected his loyal forces and set sail for Troy to begin the war to reclaim Helen.

11. What is this extract all about ?
12. When did the strife between the Trojans and the Greeks begin ?
13. Why was Goddess Eris not invited to the wedding ?
14. Who was chosen to choose to pick the winner ?
15. Name the goddess who was regarded as the most beautiful ?

16. Who is Helen ?

**Passage – II**

I was angry with my friend;  
 I told my wrath, my wrath did end.  
 I was angry with my foe:  
 I told it not, my wrath did grow.  
 And I waterd it in fears,  
 Night and morning with my tears:  
 And I sunned it with smiles,  
 And with soft deceitful wiles.  
 And it grew both day and night.  
 Till it bore an apple bright.  
 And my foe beheld it shine,  
 And he knew that it was mine.  
 And into my garden stole,  
 When the night had veild the pole;  
 In the morning glad I see;  
 My foe outstretched beneath the tree.

17. What is the main theme of the poem ?
18. What are the two ways of handling anger as mentioned in the poem ?
19. In the poem, what does the tree and apple symbolize ?
20. Who are the victims in this poem ?
21. What qualities or emotions does the poem evoke ?
22. Describe the form of the poem.

(8 x 2 = 16 Marks)

**SECTION – C**

*Answer any SIX questions, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.*

23. What are the different types of Reading ?
24. Enumerate the major differences between an efficient reader and an inefficient reader ?

- 25. Differentiate between SQ3R and SPE.
- 26. In what way is historical dictionary different from etymological dictionary ?
- 27. Why is it important to infer the lexical and contextual meaning of a given passage ?
- 28. Mention in detail all those elements that help us in understanding a poem ?
- 29. Attempt a critical appreciation for the following poem:

A slumber did my spirit seal;  
 I had no human fears:  
 She seemed a thing that could not feel  
 The touch of earthly years.  
 No motion has she now, no force;  
 She neither hears nor sees;  
 Rolled round in earth's diurnal course,  
 With rocks, and stones, and trees.

- 30. Discuss the suitability of the title “An Ideal Family”, by Katherine Mansfield.
- 31. Write a Book or Movie review of your choice.

**(6 x 4 = 24 Marks)**

**SECTION – D**

*Answer any TWO questions, each in about 300 words.*

- 32. Do you believe in what Francis Bacon has said – “*Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact man*” ? Elaborate on the importance of reading.
- 33. Discuss how discourse analysis helps in the reading of a text ?
- 34. Critically analyze how conversation analysis can reveal personality traits of the speaker, with reference to Robert Browning’s “My Last Duchess”.
- 35. Examine how in the short story “The Dusk”, the author builds up a sense of suspense and of its dramatic impact on the reader ?

**(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)**

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