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Third Semester B.A. Degree Examination, November 2016
First Degree Programme under CBCSS
Core Course: English – III
AUEN341: Reading Fiction

(*for 2014 Admissions – **Improvement** Only*)

Time: **3 Hours**   Max. Marks: **80**

SECTION – A

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

1. What is an epistolary novel ?
2. Define Bildungsroman.
3. What was the full name of the red haired man sitting in Holmes's office when Watson entered ?
4. What was the surprise present Kass planned to give her father on his birthday ?
5. How old was Kalu when his father died ?
6. Who is the narrator of the story, "Lawley Road" ?
7. What is the basic principle of Pangloss' philosophy ?
8. Why did the baron expel Candide from his castle ?
9. Which animal suggested the idea of the windmill for the first time ?
10. What was the real name of George Orwell ?

                                                        (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

SECTION – B

*Answer any **EIGHT** questions, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.*

11. What do you understand by the term, *plot* in the study of fiction ?
12. What is dystopian fiction ? Cite two examples.

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13. Explain the term, *point of view* in connection with fiction.

14. What is metafiction ?

15. What is the real name of Vincent Spaulding ? What makes him assume this name and work in the pawnbroker's shop ?

16. Why did Pitcher allow his face to show interest and surprise when his boss entered the office in the company of his secretary ?

17. How did the little girl in Mansfield's story realize that there were different types of fathers ?

18. R. K. Narayan doesn't use first names or surnames in the story, "Lawley Road." What could be the reason ?

19. What happened to Candide after he was flogged in Lisbon ?

20. What kind of place was El Dorado at the time of Candide's arrival ?

21. How did Napoleon use the puppies he took away from their mothers in order to educate them ?

22. What are the most striking features of Boxer as a character ?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

SECTION – C

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

23. Write a note on the stream of consciousness technique used in fiction.

24. What are the characteristic features of detective fiction ?

25. What are Holmes' deductions about his client's past ? How did he arrive at them ? What were the client's responses like ?

26. What was it that Maxwell was trying to tell Miss Leslie in a hurry ? What was her response ?

27. What prompted Kass to change her notion about her father ?

28. What is your impression of the *bania* in the story, "The Family Man" ?

29. How would you describe the character of the Chairman of the Municipal Council in "Lawley Road" ?

30. Comment on the function of Pangloss in *Candide*.

31. What is the significance of the closing words of *Candide*, "but let us cultivate our garden" ?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

SECTION – D

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

32. Consider the role of plot in a detective story, with special reference to "The Red – Headed League."

33. "R. K. Narayan's story 'Lawley Road' is a satire on Indian local politics after Independence." Discuss.

34. Attempt a critical reading of Voltaire's Candide.

35. Consider Orwell's *Animal Farm* as a political satire.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

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