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**BCMENL 253**

**Credit Based IV Semester B.Com. Examination, April/May 2018  
(Semester Scheme) (2015-16 Batch Onwards)**

**ENGLISH**

**General Proficiency and Communicative English**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**SECTION – A  
(Drama)**

- I. Answer **any two** of the following in **not more than two pages each** : (2×10=20)
- 1) Sketch the character of John Worthing.
  - 2) Evaluate *The Importance of Being Earnest* as a comedy.
  - 3) Sketch the character of Algernon Moncrieff.
- II. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **a page each** : (5×6=30)
- 1) Who is a "Bunburyist" ? Why does Algernon find it necessary to be one ?
  - 2) What impression of Miss Prism do you get from the play ?
  - 3) What attitudes do Algernon and Lady Bracknell represent towards marriage ?
  - 4) Why does Jack establish two different identities for himself-one for the country and another for the city ?
  - 5) Write a note on Dr Frederick Chasuble.
  - 6) How does Jack convince Lady Bracknell that Cecily is a suitable wife for her nephew Algernon ?
  - 7) Why does Jack initially lie about his relationship to Cecily ? What does his decision to lie say about his attitude towards Algernon ?
  - 8) Why does Lady Bracknell not consider Jack an eligible husband for Gwendolen ?

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III. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them :

- 1) It isn't. It is a great truth. It accounts for the extraordinary number of bachelors that one sees all over the place. In the second place, I don't give my consent.
  - a) Who is the speaker of this passage ? 1
  - b) What does 'great truth' refer to ? 2
  - c) What doesn't he consent to ? 2
  
- 2) A hundred and thirty thousand pounds ! And in the Funds ! Miss Cardew seems to me the most attractive young lady, now that I look at her. Few girls of the present day have any really solid qualities, any of the qualities that last, and improve with time.
  - a) Who is the speaker of this passage ? 1
  - b) What, according to the speaker, makes Miss Cardew 'the most attractive young lady' ? 2
  - c) What do these lines reveal about the speaker ? 2
  
- 3) No, there is very little music in the name Jack, if any at all, indeed. It does not thrill. It produces absolutely no vibrations ... I have known several Jacks, and they all, without exception, were more than usually plain. Besides Jack is a notorious domesticity for John ! And I pity any woman who is married to a man called John. She would probably never be allowed to know the entrancing pleasure of a single moment's solitude. The only really safe name is Ernest.
  - a) What, according to the speaker, is wrong with the name Jack ? 1
  - b) Why does the speaker pity any woman married to a man called John ? 2
  - c) Why does the speaker call 'Ernest' a safe name ? 2
  
- 4) Considering that we have been engaged since February the 14<sup>th</sup>, and that I only met you to-day for the first time, I think it is rather hard that you should leave me for so long a period as half an hour. Couldn't you make it twenty minutes ?
  - a) Who is engaged to whom ? 1
  - b) What is strange about this engagement ? 2
  - c) What is 'rather hard' for the speaker to do ? 2



SECTION – B  
(Grammar and Composition)

- IV. 1) Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics in **not** more than **two** pages : 10
- a) Social networking websites.
  - b) Importance of the alternative sources of energy.
  - c) Politics is a dirty game.
- 2) Write a report on **any one** of the following topics in about **20-25 lines** : 5
- a) Annual NSS Camp.
  - b) A Study Tour.
- 3) Write an application along with C. V. for the post of Advertising Manager to :
- The Managing Director,  
India Inc. Pvt. Ltd.  
Salem, Tamil Nadu.
- Sender's address : Mohini Narayan, Anna Salai, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. 5
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