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III Semester

Class : II P.G.
Major : English

Time: 3 Hours
Max. Marks: 100

23MENC14 Short Story (Self Study)

Course Outcomes:

- CO1: Gain knowledge of short story as a genre of literature and learn its characteristics.
CO2: Understand the literary texts in different sociopolitical and cultural contexts.
CO3: Comprehend different types of short stories and techniques specific to types.
CO4: Analyse the works for universality of themes and contemporary relevance.
CO5: Develop language and literary style through reading short stories.

Part A
Choose the Correct Answer

10 x 1 = 10

1. The setting of the story "A Little Cloud" is CO1K1
a. Dublin b. Norway c. Mexico d. Southern land
2. What is Little Chandler at the beginning of the story? CO1K1
a. Court man b. Spokesperson of the king
c. Court Poet d. Clerk at king's Inn in Dublin
3. What does Bill first draw? CO2K1
a. Marked paper b. Empty sheet c. Short rocket d. Small envelope
4. The Old Man Warner has participated in _____ totteries CO2K1
a. 67 b. 77 c. 87 d. 97
5. The story of *The Necklace* depicts class struggle of a women in CO3K1
a. 19th century Paris b. 19th century Asia
c. 14th century Rome d. 16th century England
6. What was Monsieur Loisel? CO3K1
a. Supervisor b. Pharmacist c. Government clerk d. Security
7. Which of the following is the mystery character in *The Red Headed League*? CO4K1
a. Dr. John Watson b. Jabez Wilson c. Sherlock Holmes d. Peter Jones
8. Which of the following character is a 'Scotland Yard detective'? CO4K1
a. Dr. John Watson b. Jabez Wilson c. Sherlock Holmes d. Peter Jones
9. Where does Juan Mirbal belong to? CO5K1
a. England b. Ireland c. Spanish d. Sweden
10. What is Ramon Gris? CO5K1
a. Artist b. Psychologist c. Doctor d. Anarchist

Part B

5 x 6 = 30

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages

- 11.a. Evaluate the character of Chandler in Joyce's "A Little Cloud" CO1K2
(or)
- 11.b. Theme of the illusion of success as depicted in "A Little Cloud". CO1K2
- 12.a. Comment on Chekhov's language and style with reference to the story CO2K3
(or)
- 12.b. Comment on the ending of the story. The *Lottery ticket* "God Sees the Truth, But Waits" CO2K3
- 13.a. Evaluate O. Henry's contribution to literature. CO3K4
(or)
- 13.b. Give a critical appreciation of the story "The Last Leaf" CO3K4
14. a. Plot Construction in *The Red Headed League* - Discuss CO4K3
(or)
- 14.b. Evaluate Arthur Conan Doyle as a major writer of detective stories. CO4K3
- 15.a. Discover the theme of absence of values as projected in "The Wall". CO5K2
(or)
- 15.b. Identify the pain of solitary existence with special reference to "The Wall". CO5K2

Part C

5 x 12 = 60

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages

- 16.a. Explain the theme of resignation vs. empowerment dealt in "A Little Cloud". CO1K2
(or)
- 16.b. Throw light on the moral of the story *How the Leopard Got His Spots* by Rudyard Kipling. CO1K2
- 17.a. Lust for money as illustrated in the story *The Lottery Ticket*. CO2K3
(or)
- 17.b. Anton Chekhov as the world famous short story writer – Discuss CO3K3
- 18.a. Depiction of the social class in the story *The Necklace* CO3K4
(or)
- 18.b. Justify the title of the short story *The Necklace* by Guy de Maupassant CO3K4
- 19.a. The theme of appearances vs. reality as depicted in "The Red Headed League". CO4K5
by Arthur Conan Doyle.
(or)
- 19.b. Describe the encounter between Mr Nuttel and Vera as depicted in "The Open Window". CO4K5
- 20.a. Justify the story *The Wall* as an existential story? CO5K6
(or)
- 20.b. Toxicity of human envy as pictured in "The Infant Prodigy" CO5K6
