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SEMESTER - I

**20UGFC1001- General English - I**

Total Duration : 2 Hrs.30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

### Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions (6 × 5 = 30 Marks)

1. Define the main argument presented by G.B. Shaw in "Spoken English and Broken English" regarding language learning.
2. Interpret the theme of love and constancy in William Shakespeare's "Sonnet 116" with suitable examples from the text.
3. Apply the concept of dramatic irony by citing instances from Hugh Chesterman's play "Pie and the Tart".
4. Classify the different types of articles and prepositions with appropriate examples from the given sentences.
5. Illustrate the father-son relationship depicted in Anita Desai's "The Devoted Son" and how it evolves throughout the story.
6. Solve the punctuation errors in the given passage and rewrite it correctly with explanations.  
Many students think punctuation is not important however it actually changes the meaning of a sentence. For example lets eat Grandma and lets eat, Grandma do not mean the same thing. Teachers often remind students to use apostrophes correctly because its a common mistake. A sentence without commas can be confusing moreover it may sound rushed. In exams students should check their writing carefully they should also practice regularly to improve their grammar.
7. Explain how Sarojini Naidu uses imagery and symbolism in the poem "Indian Weavers" to represent the cycle of life.
8. Examine the moral dilemma faced by George Orwell in "Shooting an Elephant" and determine the factors that influenced his decision.

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## Section C

Answer any **THREE** questions (3 × 10 = 30 Marks)

9. Relate James Thurber's humorous style in "*University Days*" to literary satire. How does he use satire to describe his college experiences and expose the absurdities of the education system?
10. Describe how Wordsworth's "*Lucy Poems*" and Pope's "*Ode on Solitude*" use nature to express their ideas.
11. Examine how Lady Gregory's "*Spreading the News*" uses humour to depict misunderstanding and human nature.
12. Classify the storytelling methods O. Henry uses in "*The Ransom of the Red Chief*" and explain how they create humour and a surprising ending.
13. Develop a short story using the following hints: A farmer had three lazy sons. He teaches them a lesson about hard work. Moral: Hard work pays.

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