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B.Com Part I (Hons. And General)
Subject- Alternative English
Paper –ENGL

Full Marks:50

Time : 1hr 30mins

1. Answer any two (any 2): 16x2=32

- a. What kind of person was the Boss? What was he proud of? Answer in reference to the story *The Fly* by Kathrine Mansfield.
- b. How does the author depict Rama and his business in the first half of the story, *Martyr's Corner* by R.K Narayan?
- c. Why does the poet address the Skylark as a spirit/ blithe spirit in the poem *To a Skylark*? Discuss.

2. Answer any two (any 1): 10x1=10

- a. Explain the following lines in context to the poem form which they are taken:

“Higher still and higher
From the earth thou springest
Like a cloud of fire;
The blue deep thou wingest,
And singing still dost soar, and soaring ever singest.”

- b. “But such security is unattainable in human life” Discuss in reference to the story “The Martyr's Corner.”

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: 4x2=8

Zeus was clear that anyone who disobeyed him would be brutally punished. Most of those who offended and angered Zeus were sent to Tartarus to suffer for all eternity as a punishment. Ixion, Sisyphus and Danaids were sent to Tartarus.

Ixion was tied to a wheel of fire that would spin forever. One of his crimes was that he invited his father-in law to his house and killed the him.

Sisyphus had to roll a boulder to the top of a mountain during the day and at night the boulder would roll down again. His punishment was to roll the boulder to the top of the hill everyday for all eternity. One of his crimes was that he tricked and chained the god of death which meant that no one would die on earth and this angered the gods.

The Danaids were forty-nine sisters who were made to fill water in a vast tub using a pot with holes. Their crime was that they killed their husbands on their wedding night.

- a. Where were those who offended Zeus sent? What were their crimes and punishments?
- b. Why do you think the punishment given to Sisyphus is horrible?