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B.T.T.M./B.C.A./B.S.W./B.Sc. (L.R.P.) Degree CBCSS (OBE)-Regular  
Examination, April 2020  
(2019 Admission)  
COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH  
2A03 ENG – Readings on Life and Nature

Max. Marks : 40

Time : 3 Hours

A. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 1) Examine how modern concepts of development have led to the degeneration of the environment, leading to a need for protecting nature to ensure human survival.
- 2) How does the poem "Trophic Cascade" suggest the organic unity and wholeness of nature and connect it with identity of the human being ? (1×8=8)

B. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 3) What is biodiversity ? How is its preservation important to the survival of mankind ?
- 4) Critically examine the way Nissim Ezekiel's poem "The Truth about the Floods" is an objective account of the villagers' struggle against a natural disaster on the one hand and the social and bureaucratic apathy in dealing with it. (1×8=8)

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph each (80-100 words) :

- 5) What are the biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem ?
- 6) In the poem "The Fish", why did the poet let the fish go in the end ?
- 7) Comment on the reason the villagers in the story "The Rightful Inheritors of the Earth" do not allow the bats to be harmed.
- 8) Comment on the title "Real Estate".
- 9) Comment on the smell/stench of fish in *Matsyagandhi*.
- 10) Why is global food costly and how do we pay it ?

(4×4=16)

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0. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences :

- 11) What are keystone species ?
- 12) What does the poet mean by “terrible oxygen” in the poem “The Fish” ?
- 13) What was the complaint of the wife in the story “The Rightful Inheritors of the Earth” about squirrels and crows ?
- 14) Which part of India is most prone to cyclones ?
- 15) Who are addressed at the end of the poem “Real Estate” ?
- 16) Why does the speaker in *Matsyagandhi* seek the rage of the sea ?
- 17) What are the advantages of composting ?
- 18) Mention two examples of how environmental values change overtime.
- 19) What is the Eastern approach to environmental values ?
- 20) Why does Chief Seattle say that buying their land will not be easy for the Great Chief in Washington ?
- 21) What are the conditions laid down by Chief Seattle to the Chief of the White Man ?
- 22) Define localisation.

(8×1=8)

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