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**THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
NOVEMBER 2025**

English

ENG3B03—APPRECIATING PROSE

(2020—2023 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences (2 marks each) :

- 1 Define an Essay.
- 2 Differentiate between short story and novel.
- 3 What are Dr. Samuel Johnson's contributions to English Prose ?
- 4 What, according to Bacon, are the benefits of reading ?
- 5 What proved that grandmother Field was well liked by the people ?
- 6 What is Chesterton's view on the London floods ?
- 7 How does Camus describe his generation ?
- 8 What is Camus' comment on artists taking sides ?
- 9 Who are the American scholars named by Arundhati Roy as sources of information about American policies ?
- 10 Why does Arundhati Roy call America *Al Fayeda* ?
- 11 Which is the English novel referred to by Pico Iyer as containing 36 pages of unpunctuated passages ?
- 12 What, according to Achebe, is the result of Cambridge rejecting his application ?
- 13 Why does Achebe view colonialism as a major crime ?
- 14 How was there a rain in Hiroshima after the blast even though the sky was cloudless ?
- 15 What are the twin themes in Victor Hugo's novel *Les Miserables* ?

(Ceiling 25 marks)

**Turn over**

II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph (5 marks each) :

- 16 "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." Explain.
- 17 The character of John L in "Dream Children".
- 18 Chesterton's arguments against viewing running after one's hat as a humiliating act.
- 19 What, according to Camus, are the duties of an artist towards his society ?
- 20 Why is Arundhati Roy's speech titled "Come September" ?
- 21 How does Pico Iyer depict punctuations as ornaments of language ?
- 22 Achebe's memories of the loss of native traditions in Nigeria.
- 23 Describe the event that led to the transformation of Jean Valjean.

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Write essays on any *two* of the following :

- 24 Fusion of humour and pathos in "Dream Children: A Reverie"
- 25 "An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered." Explain this statement with reference to G.K. Chesterton's essay, 'On Running after One's Hat'.
- 26 Arundhati Roy's critique of the American policies in its international relations.
- 27 Bring out the linguistic and socio-cultural aspects of punctuation marks as described by Pico Iyer.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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**THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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English

ENG 3B 03—APPRECIATING PROSE

(2019—2023 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 What is a Memoir ?
- 2 What is narrative prose ?
- 3 What is Caxton's contribution to English prose ?
- 4 What is Bacon's warning against spending too much time on studies ?
- 5 Where did grandmother Field live ?
- 6 What is the thought that Chesterton conveys through his essay ?
- 7 What is the content of Albert Camus' "Nobel Acceptance Speech" ?
- 8 What, according to Camus, are the two major tasks that every artist must attempt to attain ?
- 9 What is a basic theme in Arundhati Roy's writing ?
- 10 What, according to Roy, is America's hypocrisy on war ?
- 11 What does Pico Iyer compare punctuation marks to ?
- 12 How do Igbo people deal with conflicts among themselves ?
- 13 How was Achebe described when he needed a passport ?
- 14 What were the things stated as urgently required in Hiroshima in the telegram sent to Junod by Bilfinger ?
- 15 Why was Jean Valjean imprisoned for 19 years ?

(Ceiling : 25 marks)

**Turn over**

II. Answer the following questions in *a paragraph*. 5 marks each :

- 16 What, according to Bacon, are the three important uses of studies ?
- 17 Themes of death and sense of loss in "Dream Children".
- 18 Chesterton's optimistic view of the London floods.
- 19 Albert Camus' mixed feelings after being awarded the Nobel Prize.
- 20 Arundhati Roy's views on nationalism.
- 21 How does Pico Iyer trace the changing attitudes towards punctuation among English writers ?
- 22 Achebe's depiction of the Igbo people.
- 23 How did the Japanese journalist describe the terrors of bomb-hit Hiroshima ?

(Ceiling : 35 marks)

III. Write essays on any *two* of the following :

- 24 Bacon's prose style as revealed in "Of Studies."
- 25 Lamb's depiction of his brother John in "Dream Children".
- 26 Chesterton's preference for personal freedom in society as revealed in "On Running After 'One's Hat.'"
- 27 How does Arundhati Roy expose America's hypocrisy in its policy on Iraq ?

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**THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
NOVEMBER 2023**

English

ENG 3B 03—APPRECIATING PROSE

(2019—2022 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences (2 marks each) :

- 1 What are travelogues ?
- 2 What is descriptive prose ?
- 3 What is Sir Thomas More's contribution to English prose ?
- 4 What, in Bacon's view, are the basic purposes of studying ?
- 5 What was inscribed on the chimney piece of the house where grandmother Field loved ?
- 6 What is Chesterton's advice for dealing with everyday annoyances ?
- 7 What is Camus' view on art ?
- 8 What made Camus feel hopelessly lost ?
- 9 How does Arundhati Roy describe the flags of nations ?
- 10 What, according to Roy, is America's concern with oil trade ?
- 11 Why, according to Pico Iyer, do lovers detest punctuation marks ?
- 12 What was the price Achebe's mother had to pay for getting education ?
- 13 What made Achebe feel proud while walking in Onitsha ?
- 14 What was the condition of Hiroshima before the atomic destruction ?
- 15 Why did Javert kill himself in Victor Hugo's novel *Les Miserables*?

(Ceiling: 25 marks)

**Turn over**

II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph (5 marks each) :

- 16 “Crafty men condemn studies, simple men admire them, and wise men use them.” Explain.
- 17 The significance of the title “Dream Children : A Reverie”.
- 18 How does Chesterton argue that children have a more positive attitude towards life than the adults ?
- 19 How does Camus establish the relationship between art and life ?
- 20 Arundhati Roy’s comments on the futility of war.
- 21 How does Pico Iyer emphasise the cultural and emotional significance of punctuations ?
- 22 Achebe’s depiction of the hypocrisy of colonialism.
- 23 The inhumanity of war as revealed by Professor Tsusuki.

(Ceiling: 35 marks)

III. Write essays on any *two* of the following :

- 24 Examine “Of Studies” as a didactic essay.
- 25 Charles Lamb’s prose style as revealed in “Dream Children.”
- 26 Why did Camus dedicate the Nobel Prize to his generation ?
- 27 In “The Education of a British-Protected Child,” Achebe gives us a vivid portrait of growing up in colonial Nigeria and inhabiting its “middle ground,”—Discuss.

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**THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
NOVEMBER 2022**

English

ENG 3B 03—APPRECIATING PROSE

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 What is prose ?
- 2 What is the difference between a tale and a short story ?
- 3 Define fictional autobiography.
- 4 What is an article ?
- 5 What is secular prose ?
- 6 Victorian prose writers.
- 7 What is meant by a homily ?
- 8 What is the theme of “Of Studies” ?
- 9 How was grandmother Field cremated ?
- 10 What does Chesterton tell the old gentleman at Hyde Park ?
- 11 What does Achebe mean by the middle ground ?
- 12 Albert Camus declares that a writer’s duty is two-fold. Explain.
- 13 What happens to the young Palestinians who cannot control their anger ? What “new fashioned” twenty first century war does Arundhati Roy talk about ?
- 14 How do school teachers and lovers consider comma ?
- 15 Who was Jean Valjean ? Why was he imprisoned ?

(Ceiling 25)

**Turn over**

II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph. 5 marks each :

- 16 Explain what happened in Hiroshima on 6th August 1945.
- 17 What are the three main purposes of studies ? What are the benefits of reading ?
- 18 What were the qualities of Lamb's grandmother ?
- 19 How does Chesterton portray Battersea during the times of flood ?
- 20 What is Albert Camus' idea about a true artist ?
- 21 How does Achebe sketch the Igbo people ?
- 22 How does Pico Iyer connect punctuation marks with road signs ?
- 23 What is the main focus of "Come September" ?

(Ceiling 35)

III. Write essays on any *two* of the following :

- 24 What are the features of Bacon's prose style ?
- 25 How does Chesterton romanticize difficult situations by dwelling on the notion that "an inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered" ?
- 26 Justify the title "Dream Children : A Reverie".
- 27 Bring out the linguistic and socio-cultural aspects of punctuation marks as expressed by Iyer in the essay "In Praise of the Humble Comma".

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2021

English

ENG 3B 03—APPRECIATING PROSE

(2019—2020 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A***Answer at least ten questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 30.*

1. Define fiction.
2. What is the difference between Biography and Autobiography ?
3. What is public speaking ?
4. What is a travelogue ?
5. What is Morte de Arthur ?
6. What are the features of a short story ?
7. What is a memoir ?
8. What is narrative prose ?
9. Who is Elia ?
10. Why does Chesterton think people find it unpleasant to run after a hat ?
11. Why did Achebe lose the chance to be a scholar ?
12. What is Albert Camus' opinion view about truth and liberty ?
13. How was the pre-war Hiroshima according to Marcel Junod ?
14. How are punctuation marks related to road signs ?
15. Which act of mercy and forgiveness by the Bishop changes Valjean's life ?

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

**Turn over**

**Section B**

*Answer at least five questions.*

*Each question carries 6 marks.*

*All questions can be attended.*

*Overall Ceiling 30.*

16. Elaborate on News Article.
17. What is an essay ? Mention a few types of essays.
18. Bacon speaks about different ways in which books are to be read. Explain.
19. What is the significance of the title "Dream Children : A Reverie" ?
20. How does G. K. Chesterton romanticize difficult situations by dwelling on the notion that "An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered" ?
21. What are the themes of Achebe's "The Education of a British Protected Child" ?
22. Punctuation becomes the signature of cultures. Explain.
23. What was the effect of the first allied attack on Iraq that took place in January ' 91 ?

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

**Section C**

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

24. According to Bacon, what are the main benefits of study ?
25. What are the roles and duties of a writer according to Camus ?
26. Give an account of the devastating havoc created by the atomic bombing in Hiroshima.
27. How does Arundhati Roy portray Free Market as a weapon of corporate globalization ?

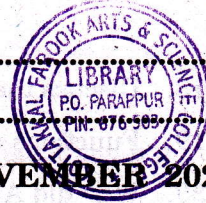
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**THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS-UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020**

English

ENG 3B 03—APPRECIATING PROSE

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A**

*Answer at least ten questions.  
Each question carries 3 marks.  
All questions can be attended.  
Overall Ceiling 30.*

1. What is a newspaper article ? What are its features ?
2. How is short story different from novel ?
3. What is a biography ? Give two examples.
4. Define Periodical essay.
5. What is travel writing ?
6. What are the features of Elizabethan Prose ? Mention a few Elizabethan prose writers.
7. What are the main purposes of public speaking ?
8. What can be the demerit of studies, according to Bacon ?
9. Who did Grandmother Field love the best among the Lamb brothers and why ?
10. What message does Chesterton convey through his essay "On running after One's Hat" ?
11. Why was May 24 celebrated in the British Colony of Nigeria ?
12. Albert Camus declares that a writer's duty is twofold. Explain.
13. How does the fellow Americans respond when Junod mentioned the word Hiroshima ?
14. Why does Arundhati Roy say that the twenty-first century market capitalism will fail like Soviet-style communism ?
15. Why does Pico Iyer say that comma gets no respect ?

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

**Section B**

*Answer at least five questions.  
Each question carries 6 marks.  
All questions can be attended.  
Overall Ceiling 30.*

16. How does the formerly busy town of Hiroshima change after the explosion ?
17. Elaborate on Achebe's idea of the middle ground.

**Turn over**

18. Discuss the element of pathos in the essay 'Dream Children : A Reverie'.
19. Functions and values of reading.
20. Why did Albert Camus show mixed feelings in spite of being excited and happy ?
21. How does Usha Yesudasan explain the clash between Justice and Mercy ?
22. Why punctuation is called a civic prop that reflects the society ?
23. Consider King Alfred as the father of English prose.

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

### Section C

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 10 marks.*

24. Explain the concept of Nationalism and anti-Americanism discussed by Roy in her speech "Come September".
25. What are the functions of prose ?
26. Give a critical appreciation of Lamb's essay "Dream Children".
27. What is the theme of "On Running After one's Hat" by G.K. Chesterton ?

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)