EG-02

June - Examination 2026
B.A. (Part-I) Examination
ENGLISH LITERATURE
Prose and Fiction
Paper : EG-02

[*Time: **3** Hours*] [*Maximum Marks: **70***]

Note :- The question paper is divided into three Sections A, B and C. Write answers as per the given instructions in each section.

Section-A **7×2=14**

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer **all** questions. As per the nature of the question delimit your answer in one word, one sentence or maximum up to **30** words. Each question carries **2** marks.

1. (i) Studies serve for ……..……..……..…… Complete this first sentence of Bacon's 'Of Studies.'

   (ii) What happens to Addison when he looks upon the tombs of the great?

   (iii) Which character in 'The Spectator Club' represents the commercial classes?

   (iv) What did Rosemary want to prove to the beggar girl?

   (v) What was the firm belief of Nilkanta about human life as he often got beatings from Sharat?

   (vi) How did Khushwant Singh's grandmother spend her afternoons?

   (vii) Where was the engine in the story 'Engine Trouble' found next morning?

Section-B **4×7=28**

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer **any four** questions. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to **200** words. Each question carries **7** marks.

2. Explain the irony in the story 'The Gift of the Magi'.
3. Comment on the way the rumour about the bankruptcy of the bank spread in the story by Ruskin Bond.
4. What is the significance of the storm at the end of "Marriage is a Private Affair"?

5. What impression of Shahid do you gather from the write-up by Amitav Ghosh?

6. 'Prejudice is the child of ignorance.' Elaborate with reference to the essay by Hazlitt.

7. What is the piece of advice given by Lamb in 'Modern Gallantry'?

8. What are the good manners described by Addison in 'Rural Manners'?

9. How does the loss of the necklace change the life of the Loisels?

Section-C **2×14=28**

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer **any two** questions. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to **500** words. Each question carries **14** marks.

10. Francis Bacon's essay style is notable for its aphoristic, concise and precise nature. Discuss with reference to the essays you have studied.

11. Discuss the character of Fagin in 'Oliver Twist'.

12. Comment on the narrative by Washington about his struggle to get an education.

13. 'Meditations in Westminster Abbey' is an essay reflecting the gloomy thoughts of the essayist. Discuss.
