

**Kanoria PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya**  
**Department of English**  
**BA Part-I**  
**Question Bank**  
**Paper-II Prose and Fiction**

**Short Answer Questions: -**

1. What does Bacon mean "Studies serve for delight" in his essay "Of Studies"?
2. What does Bacon say about natural abilities of a man in his essay "Of Studies"?
3. How many factors contribute to wisdom according to Russell's essay 'Knowledge and Wisdom'?
4. What does increase in knowledge result in?
5. In what form should resistance be used in order to prevent the spread of evil?
6. What does Gandhi say about fearlessness in the essay 'Fearlessness'?
7. Why should one man be afraid of another man?
8. Why does Gandhi say that we must always fear the internal fears?
9. Who tells the story to the author in the essay 'Third Thought'?
10. What price did the narrator get from the buyer for the drawing?
11. Why did the narrator feel so delighted and proud after selling a painting?
12. Why does the narrator think that the dealer should get a part of the profit he had earned?
13. In his mood of elation, what did the narrator write in the first note to the dealer?
14. Why are we not satisfied with the workings of democracy?
15. What educational reforms does Belloc suggest?

16. What is the tone of Hilaire Belloc's essay "On Educational Reforms"?
17. "It has become more easy to get into college and more difficult to get educated." Do you agree with S. Radhakrishnan?
18. How should the syllabus be set, according to Hilaire Belloc?
19. What is the difference between chatting with friends on the phone and making a business call?
20. Name the protagonist of the story "The Gateman's Gift"
21. Give the theme of 'Living or Dead'.
22. What theme is written about in the story "Old Man at the Bridge"?
23. What is the title of the National Song of animals in "Animals Farm"?
24. What treatment was rendered to the old or injured animals on the farm?
25. Who are supposed to be the cleverest animals at Animal Farm?
26. Why was snowball expelled from the farm?
27. How did Kadambini die?
  
28. Which hobby does the gateman suddenly discover and practice after retirement?
29. Give the appropriateness of the title 'The Open Window'.
30. Why did the narrator of the story "Old Man at the Bridge" cross the bridge?
31. Why did the Old Major call the animals?
32. What did Napoleon do after the exit of Snowball?
33. When did Boxer fall?
34. Where did people take Kadambini for cremation?
35. Name two ways by which we can conquer fear.
36. What is the "fabric of our own vision" according to Gandhi?
37. Why is democracy only a name?

38. What important role did Radhakrishnan play in the social life of India?
39. How does education wean away a student from the realities of life?
40. What adds charm to Belloc's essay?
41. "Hungry people are easily led" what does the writer mean by this?
42. How was Philip successful in getting rid of Miss Smith?
43. What caused Mrs. Fell's change of attitude towards Miss Smith in the end of "A Cup of Tea"?
44. Why was Rosemary unable to buy the box at the antique shop?
45. Describe the box in the story "A Cup of Tea".
46. In "An Astrologer's Day", why does the astrologer give the stranger this particular advice about the stranger's past?
47. What was the equipment that the astrologer carried?
48. Where did the astrologer sit every day?
49. In "An Astrologer's Day," what does "tangles of human ties" mean?
50. What personal effects did the astrologer use to attract people towards him?

**Long Answer Question: -**

1. How does the astrologer rescue himself from Guru Nayak's revenge in "An Astrologer's Day"?
2. Draw the character sketch of the astrologer in the story "An Astrologer's Day".
3. What is the significance of Philip's role in the story?
4. Justify the title of the story "A Cup of Tea".
5. How does Katherine Mansfield explore the theme of female jealousy in the story "A Cup of Tea"?

6. Bring out the allegorical and satirical importance of Orwell's "Animal Farm".
7. „Animal Farm" is a satire upon dictatorship." Discuss.
8. Summarize Dr. Radhakrishnan's views on democracy.
9. Discuss the theme of "Old Man at the Bridge".
10. "By dying Kadambini had given proof that was not dead."  
Discuss.
11. "Internal fears we must always fear". What are these internal fears? Elucidate.
12. "The Open Window" is quite suitable title of the story. Discuss.
13. Discuss the theme of "The Gateman's Gift".
14. Is there any suitability in the title "Living or Dead"? Discuss.
15. "All fear is the baseless fabric of our own vision. " Comment on this statement of Gandhiji.
16. Summarize Dr. Radhakrishnan's views on Democracy.
17. Bring out the elements of irony and satire in this essay" On An Educational Reform" written by Hilaire Belloc.
18. According to Bacon what are the benefits of studying history, poetry, mathematics, natural philosophy, morality, logic and rhetoric in the essay "Of Studies"?
19. If a man's wit be wandering what Bacon suggest to do, in the essay "Of Studies"?
20. What is the author's concept of a citizen? What is the difference between a citizen of the world and a citizen of a nation? Do you think you can be both at the same time?
21. In what way was the war conducted by Lincoln different from other wars? Do you think a war can be fought? Without deviating from wisdom?
22. Discuss the various problems Hunt has associated with getting up on cold morning in his essay.
23. Mentions the reasons given by the narrator for changing his resolution with each reconsideration in "Third Thought"?

24. Justify the title 'Third Thoughts'.
25. What are the characteristics of formal communication?
26. Write a report on annual day event organized by the college.
27. What are the different presentation skills and discuss their importance?