

## **QUESTION BANK**

### **B.A. I & B.A.B.Ed I<sup>st</sup> SEM (GENERAL ENGLISH)**

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#### **Short- Answer Type Questions on Poems**

##### **SONG 36 FROM GITANJALI**

1. What kind of poverty does the poet refer to?
2. Explain how love could become 'Fruitful in Service'.
3. What are the only two things that the poet does not wish to do?
4. The poet wishes to raise his mind above 'daily trifles'. What, according to you, could be the 'daily trifles'?
5. What kind of strength do you think the poet is praying for?

##### **FROM HOMECOMING**

1. What time of the day is being described in the poem?
2. What is the setting of the poem city, town or village? Which words/ images provide us the clue?
3. What happens to the speaker at the doorstep?
4. What has happened to poetry, according to R. Parthasarthy and why?
5. Why does the speaker recommend newspapers?
6. Describe the physical and mental state of the speaker as he returns home.

##### **MYRIAD-WINGED BIRD**

1. Why does the poet compare 'word' to a dove'?
2. When does 'word' become a lullaby?
3. How does the poet show that 'word' is like music?
4. How does the 'word' offer comfort to the poet?
5. How does the poet describe that 'word' is like a waterfall?

##### **I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS**

1. What is metaphor? Give examples from the poem

2. Why does an encaged bird wish to sing?
3. Explain the term 'bars of rage' in the poem.
4. What does the caged bird sing about?

## **Essay –Type Questions on Prose Lessons**

### **SPOKEN ENGLISH AND BROKEN ENGLISH**

1. What do you think about Shaw's Claim that no native speaker speaks 'correct English'?
2. Do you agree with Shaw's assertion that broken English is quite sufficient for intelligible speech? Support your answer with evidence from the essay as well as from your own experience.
3. What does Shaw suggest to the foreigners when they travel to English-Speaking countries?
4. What reasons does Shaw put forward for making the claim that natives in an English-speaking country will be more helpful if a foreigner speaks broken English?

### **PRINCIPLES OF GOOD WRITING**

1. Summarise Hill's views on the Principles of Good Writing.
2. What should one avoid in good writing?
3. How important is presentation in writing? How can one present one's writing in an interesting manner?
4. What guidelines should one follow to write well?

### **THE CONJURER'S REVENGE**

1. How did the conjurer take his revenge on the Quick Man?
2. Do you approve of the conjurer's action of taking revenge? Justify your stand.
3. What were the tricks performed by the conjurer? Was he successful at them?

## **I HAVE A DREAM**

1. How were the Blacks discriminated against in America, according to Martin Luther King Jr.?

OR

Describe the condition of the Negroes as outlined by King in his speech, 'I Have a Dream'.

2. What kind of America does King envisage in his speech, 'I Have a Dream'?