

**UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA**  
**SYLLABUS OF COMPULSORY ENGLISH**  
**(for BA and BSc Students)**  
(with effect from 2017-2018)

**SEEN**

**Short Story**

R.K. Narayan: *Out of Business*  
Stephen Leacock: *My Financial Career*

**Essay**

George Bernard Shaw: *Spoken English and Broken English*

**Poems**

William Shakespeare: *The Seven Ages of Man*  
Rabindranath Tagore: *Where the Mind is Without Fear*

(from the book *University English Selections: Three Year Degree Course*,  
University of Calcutta, 2007)

2 questions of 5 marks each out of 5 (one from each piece):  $5 \times 2 = 10$   
5 questions of 2 marks each out of 10 (two from each piece):  $2 \times 5 = 10$   
5 questions of 1 mark each out of 10 (two from each piece):  $1 \times 5 = 5$   
Total – 25

**UNSEEN**

Official Letter / Personal Letter / CV Writing / Précis Writing: one question of 10 marks out of four:  $10 \times 1 = 10$   
Comprehension Test: two questions of 5 marks each:  $5 \times 2 = 10$   
Grammar & vocabulary Test (from the comprehension passage): 5 questions of 1 mark each:  $1 \times 5 = 5$   
Total – 25