

2017

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three Hours and *Fifteen Minutes

(*15 minutes are given as extra time for reading questions)

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer in your own words as far as practicable.

All the questions are compulsory.

SECTION-A

(SHORT STORIES)

1. Explain the following extract with reference to the context :

- a) "It was not a modernistic picture in the sense that you had to look at it a long time to understand and what it meant. It was a simple scene in the city park on a spring day." 6

Or

- b) "But the evil that men do live after them, and each year saw a fresh band of unwilling bards goaded to despair by his bequest." 6

2. Answer the following question in about 100 words:

(a) Describe how Albert Edward Foreman became a prosperous businessman. 7

Or

(b) Describe the sense of loneliness in Iona Potapov. 7

3. Answer the following questions in about 25 words each :

(a) What was the announcement of the public crier in "A Piece of String" ? 2

(b) Why was the Cabuliwallah sent to prison ? 2

(c) Why was Nancy not given the prize ? 2

(d) On what ground was the verger dismissed from service by the new vicar ? 2

4. Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :

(a) Why did the peasants of Goderville look deformed ? 3

(b) Why did the manager of the bank wish to see the verger ? 3

(c) Why was Reynolds interested in the prize poem scheme ? 3

5. Answer the following questions in one sentence each :

(a) Who saw Maitre Hauchecorne picking up the piece of string ? 1

- (b) Who introduced the scheme of the Prize Poem ? 1
- (c) To whom does Iona tell his whole story ? 1
- (d) Who is Miss Dietrich ? 1
- (e) "And where is the little girl, Sir ?"
Who is the little girl referred to here ? 1

SECTION-B

(ONE-ACT PLAY)

6. Answer the following question in about 100 words :

- (a) How did Louis ~~plan~~ to get Jane out of the house ? 7

Or

- (b) What light does the play "The Bishop's Candlesticks" throw on the life of the prisoners in French jails ? 7

7. Answer the following questions in about 25 words each :

- (a) Why was it difficult to fight on Sunday ? 2
- (b) What does Jane do as soon as she sees Sturridge with the sword ? 2
- (c) Why did the convict wish to go to Paris ? 2

8. Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :

- (a) Why was Mrs. Beauwhistle eager to get Jane out of her house before Thursday ? 3
- (b) What was Fidel's explanation for his meeting with Celestina ? 3
- (c) Why was the convict jailed ? Why does he say that he was made a beast ? 3

9. Answer the following questions in **one** sentence each :

- (a) When is Dora Bittholz coming ? 1
- (b) What is the Temple of the living God ? 1
- (c) "Am I not the best wood carver in the valley ?"
Who is 'I' referred to here ? 1

SECTION-C

(NOVEL)

10. Answer the following question in about 100 words :

- (a) How is the novel "The Vendor of Sweets" a novel of generation gap ?

Or

- (b) Examine Jagan as the unheroic hero of 'The Vendor of Sweets'

11. Answer the following questions in about 25 words each :

- (a) How does Mali arrange money for going to America ? 2
- (b) Who were the parents of Grace ? 2

12. Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :

- (a) Why did Jagan decide to reduce the price of his sweets ? 3
- (b) Why did the cousin suggest Jagan to get Mali and Grace married in the hill temple ? 3
- (c) Why did Jagan avoid people after Mali brought Grace from America ? 3

SECTION-D

(GRAMMAR & PHONOLOGY)

13. Frame sentences using the following idiomatic phrases : 1×4=4

- (a) far and wide.
- (b) bolt from the blue.
- (c) cock and bull story.
- (d) to hit the jackpot.

14. *Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:*

Most of the fortunate people in the world are brave. They have the courage to go to dangerous places and face risks to seek fortune and get it. It is bravery and hard work that make a man lucky or fortunate. Fortune never favours a man who sits tight and does nothing. It favours only those who are brave and hard working. God helps only those who help themselves.

- (a) Give the antonym of 'brave'. 1
- (b) Change the voice of the third sentence. 1
- (c) Transform the first sentence into interrogative. 1
- (d) Give the adjective form of 'risk'. 1
- (e) Make a new sentence of your own by using the word 'fortunate' in the first sentence. 1
- (f) Write the last sentence into indirect form. 1

15. *Transcribe the following words with phonetic symbols:* 1×5=5

- (a) complete
- (b) people
- (c) condition
- (d) measure
- (e) window.

16. *Make primary stress on the following :*

1×5=5

- (a) motivate
- (b) precaution
- (c) language
- (d) talent
- (e) weather.