

2019
ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three Hours

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) “For all that, it is the truth of the good God, the blessed truth. M’ Sieu’ le Maire there! On my soul and salvation I repeat it.” 6

Or

- (b) “An hour, and another..... then, along the footpath with a squeak of goloshes, and quarrelling, came three young men, two of them tall and lanky, the third shot and hump-backed. 6

2. *Answer the following question in about 100 words:*
- (a) Bring out the pathos in the story "The Cabuliwala". 7
- Or*
- (b) Give a character sketch of Albert Edward Foreman in the story "The Verger". 7
3. *Answer the following questions in about 25 words each:*
- (a) Why did Houcheorne pick up the piece of string? 2
- (b) Describe Nancy's painting. 2
- (c) How did Lona spend the night? 2
- (d) What is the condition laid down before the verger by the new vicar? 2
4. *Answer the following in about 30 words each:*
- (a) 'Raindrops, smiles and tears mingled on her brown cheeks.'
- How did Nancy Lee's smile mingle with raindrops and tears? 3
- (b) Why did Mr. Perceval summon Smith, Montgomery and Morrison? 3
- (c) How, according to Foreman, could he not learn how to read and write? 3
5. *Answer the following questions in one sentence each:*
- (a) What disease did Houcheorne suffer from? 1
- (b) Tears came to my eyes
- Whose eyes did tear come to? 1
- (c) What was Nancy Lee's father? 1

(d) "He was a first-rate cab-driver"

Who is the first-rate cab-driver referred to in the above? 1

(e) Why were all the entries for the prize-poem competition sent to Mr. Wells ? 1

SECTION – B
(ONE-ACT PLAY)

6. *Answer the following question in about 100 words:*

(a) Give an character sketch of Louis in the play "The Miracle Merchant". 7

OR

(b) Comment on the theme of "The Bishops Candlesticks". 7

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

(a) Why did Jane leave Mrs. Beauwhistle's house? 2

(b) Why was Berta angry with Fidel? 2

(c) Why is Persome pained and shocked? 2

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

(a) How does Louis Curcet make a plan to send Jane out of Mrs. Beauwhistle's house ? 3

(b) Why did Don Nimpho give money for building the church at Topo-Grande? 3

(c) Why does the convict call the prison a hell ? 3

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

- (a) Why does Louis consider Dora's visit as awkward? 1
- (b) "Am I not the best wood-carver in the valley"
Who is 'I' referred to here? 1
- (c) What did the convict first ask the Bishop for? 1

SECTION – C

(NOVEL)

10. *Answer the following question in about 100 words :*

- (a) Discuss the title of the novel "The Vendor of Sweets". 7

OR

- (b) Give a character sketch of Jaagan. 7

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

- (a) Why does Mali steal money from his father? 2
- (b) Why was Jagan's reading of the Gita gradually replaced by the reading of blue airmail letters? 2

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

- (a) What did Jagan say about Kalidasa? 3
- (b) Why was Jagan shocked when Mali returned from America? 3
- (c) Why did Jagan give a bunch of keys to his cousin? 3

SECTION – D
(GRAMMAR & PHONOLOGY)

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

- (a) blacksheep
- (b) cock and bull story
- (c) blow one's own trumpet
- (d) a bone of contention

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

The Hindus like the banyan tree and they plant it near temples. Its huge size reminds all of the kindness of God. The tree gives shelter from heat, rain and winds to thousands of animals and wayfarers who happen to be near it.

- (a) Name the part of speech of 'huge' in the second sentence. 1
- (b) Frame a sentence with the adverb form of 'kindness'. 1
- (c) Write the second sentence in the passive form. 1
- (d) Find out the word from the passage that means 'sow'. 1
- (e) Give the synonym of 'shelter' in the last sentence. 1
- (f) Transform the first sentence into a complex sentence. 1

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

- (a) gate
- (b) surely

- (c) cymbal
- (d) activate
- (e) language.

16. *Make the primary stress in the following words:*

1×5=5

- (a) library
 - (b) maturity
 - (c) desperate
 - (d) examination
 - (e) discussion
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