

**2022**

**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) “There are ceremonies going on,” I said “and I am busy. Could you perhaps come another day?” 8

*Or*

(b) “No, Sir, I’m afraid I couldn’t, not now. You see, I’m not as young as I was and if I couldn’t seem able to get the letters in me ‘ead when I was a nipper I don’t think there’s much chance of it now.” 8

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2. *Answer the following question in about 125 words :*
- (a) Describe the sense of irony expressed in the story "A Piece of String". 8
- Or*
- (b) Describe how Nancy Lee feels when she receives the news of the prize and when she is not given it. 8
3. *Answer the following question in about 60 words :*
- (a) How does Anton Chekhov present Iona's suffering from sense of loneliness after his son's death? 4
- Or*
- (b) Describe briefly the market place of Goderville. 4
4. *Answer the following question in about 50 words :*
- Why did the rich and misanthropic man set aside a portion of his income in his will? 3
5. *Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :*
- (a) What was the announcement by the public crier? 2
- (b) Why did the manager of the bank want to see M. Foreman? 2
- (c) Why did the travellers stimulate Iona in the story 'Grief'? 2
- (d) Why was Nancy not given the prize? 2
- (e) "My dear this is a very extraordinary communication... ." Why did Mr. Perceval think the communication to be extraordinary? 2
- (f) Why was Mini afraid of the Cabuliwallah when she first saw him? 2

**SECTION – B**  
**(ONE-ACT PLAY)**

6. *Answer the following question in about 125 words :*
- (a) Discuss the theme of the play 'Sunday Costs Five Pesos'. 8
- Or*
- (b) Discuss the theme of the play "The Bishop's Candlesticks". 8
7. *Answer the following question in about 60 words :*
- (a) Comment on the character of Louis Courcet in 'The Miracle Merchant.' 4
- Or*
- (b) Bring out the conflict in the mind of the convict as he admired the candlesticks. 4
8. *Answer the following question in about 50 words :*
- In what way does Don Nimfo's offer sound attractive to Fidel ? 3
9. *Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :*
- (a) "You be careful Salome," Why does Tonia ask Salome to be careful ? 2
- (b) How did Mrs. Beauwhistle tell Jane of Mackenzie-Hubbard wedding to get rid of her ? 2
- (c) Why could Mrs. Beauwhistle not put-off Dora ? 2
- (d) Why did the Bishop leave his window and door unbolted ? 2
- (e) Why was Jane unhappy with the hen she bought from Dora ? 2

**SECTION – C**  
**(NOVEL)**

10. *Answer the following question in about 125 words :*

- (a) Bring out the conflict between trading and modernity in the novel ‘The Vendor of Sweets’.

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*Or*

- (b) Write how the cousin is presented by R.K. Narayan in the novel “The Vendor of Sweets.”

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11. *Answer the following question in about 60 words :*

- (a) Why is Jagan disturbed when he comes to know about Grace ?

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*Or*

- (b) In spite of having so many relatives, Jagan seemed to have a lonely life in the house with Mali and Grace. Why was it so ?

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12. *Answer the following questions in about 50 words :*

- (a) Why did Jagan feel that his home was tainted ?

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- (b) Why did Jagan Mali think of sending Grace back to America ?

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13. *Answer the following question in about 35 words :*

Why did Mali went to America ?

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**SECTION – D**  
**(GRAMMAR & PHONOLOGY)**

14. *Frame sentences using any four of the following idiomatic phrases : 1×4=4*

- (a) Once in blue moon
- (b) To nip in the bud
- (c) A bone of contention
- (d) Cock and bull story
- (e) A fish out of water
- (f) A bolt from the blue

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

Democracy has a great merit. It allows criticism and if there is not public criticism, there are bound to be hushed up scandals. That is why I believe in the press; despite all its lies and vulgarity, and why I believe in Parliament.

- (a) Use the word 'Democracy' as an adjective and make a sentence. 1
- (b) Give the opposite of 'Criticism'. 1
- (c) Identify the noun phrase "a great merit". 1
- (d) Make a new sentence using "hushed up". 1

16. *Transcribe the following words with phonetic symbols : 1×4=4*

- (a) Precaution
- (b) College
- (c) Photograph
- (d) Change

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

1×4=4

- (a) family
- (b) engineer
- (c) economy
- (d) Illusion

18. *Complete the statement with the correct one from the alternatives given and rewrite as your answer :*

(i) There are \_\_\_\_\_ plosives in English language.

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- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 6

(ii) The voiceless consonant /s/ is \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) labiodental fricative
- (b) alveolar fricative
- (c) postalveolar fricative
- (d) glottal fricative

(iii) We must not show partiality\_\_\_\_\_ our relatives. 1

- (a) to
- (b) with
- (c) for
- (d) of

(iv) Identify the underlined parts of the given sentence by choosing the correct one from the given alternatives :

We should abolish the regulation that applicants must pay a fee. 1

- (a) Noun clause as the complement
- (b) Noun clause as the object
- (c) Noun clause in apposition
- (d) Adverb clause of condition

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