

2018

**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 ?” 6

*Or*

(b) “And do you mean to say that you’ve built up this important business and amassed a fortune of thirty thousand pounds without being able to read and write. Good god, man, what would you be now if you had been able to ?” 6

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2. *Answer the following question in about 100 words.*

(a) Describe the market day at Goderville. 7

*Or*

(b) Describe how Nancy Lee feels when she receives the news of the prize and when she is not given it. 7

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

(a) Why did the Cabuliwallah show love and affection to Mini? 2

(b) Describe the physical appearance of Lona Potapov. 2

(c) How did the verger get the idea of starting a business for earning a living? 2

(d) What was the decision taken by the board when the same poem was submitted by three persons for the competition? 2

4. *Answer the following in about 30 words each.*

(a) Why did the travellers stimulate Lona in the story "Grief"? 3

(b) What was the announcement made by the public crier in the story "A Piece of String"? 3

(c) Why did the rich and misanthropic man set aside a portion of his income in his will? 3

5. Answer the following questions in **one** sentence each.

- (a) Why was Rahamat sentenced to some years of imprisonment? 1
- (b) "You are not to receive the scholarship this morning"  
Who said this? 1
- (c) What is the name of the son of Lona Potapov? 1
- (d) How many shops had the verger acquired in the course of ten years? 1
- (e) Why did Mr. Perceval submit the poems to Mr. Wells? 1

### SECTION – B

#### (ONE-ACT PLAY)

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

- (a) Write a brief note the relationship between Berta and Fidel. 7

**OR**

- (b) Describe how the Bishop transformed the convict into the play "The Bishop's Candle Sticks". 7

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

- (a) Why does Sturridge carry the sword to Jane? 2
- (b) Why did Mere Gringoire send Jean to the Bishop to ask for help? 2
- (c) Why does Don Nimfo secretly give the money for the building of the church. 2

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

- (a) Why did Jane and Dora quarrel? 3
- (b) Why do Berta and Celestina decide to play fingers? 3
- (c) How was the convict treated in the prison? 3

9. Answer the following questions in one sentence each.

- (a) Who is the miracle merchant in the play "The Miracle Merchant." 1
- (b) "All the world knows that"  
Who says this? 1
- (c) Stay my son, you have forgotten your property.  
What is the 'property' in the above line? 1

### SECTION - C

#### (NOVEL)

10. Answer the following question in about 100 words.

- (a) Bring out the conflict between tradition and modernity in the novel "The Vendor of Sweets". 7

OR

- (b) Write a note on R.K Narayan's depiction of Mali in the novel "The Vendor of Sweets". 7

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

- (a) Why did Jagan never cease to feel grateful to his father? 2
- (b) Why was Mali arrested by the Police? 2

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

- (a) What did Mali say of eating beef in his letter written to his father after three years' experience of America? 3
- (b) Why did Jagan barricade himself in completely? 3
- (c) Why did Jagan feel that his home was tainted? 3

### SECTION – D

#### (GRAMMAR & PHONOLOGY)

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

- (a) An apple of discord
- (b) A beast of prey
- (c) A swan song
- (d) At odds

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

Alibaba was a poor wood-cutter. He cut wood in the forest and sold it everyday. One day he saw forty strong men on horses riding towards him. He knew that they were thieves. Alibaba was afraid and he climbed a tree and hid himself – its branches. The thieves stopped in front of a cave nearby and got down from their horses. Then, standing at the mouth of the cave, the leader shouted, "Open

Sesame". Immediately, the door opened and the thieves went into the cave, leaving their horses outside. They came out after sometime, mounted their horses and rode away. Alibaba saw all this from his hiding place.

- (a) Give the antonym of "Climbed". 1
- (b) Change the seventh sentence of the passage into its indirect form. 1
- (c) Change the first sentence into a complex sentence. 1
- (d) Change the voice of the last sentence of the passage. 1
- (e) Fill in the blank in the fifth sentence of the passage with appropriate preposition. 1
- (f) Name the part of speech of "Immediately" in the eighth sentence of the passage. 1

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

- (a) College
- (b) Village
- (c) Poor
- (d) Photograph
- (e) Long

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

1×5=5

(a) refugee

(b) artistic

(c) attitude

(d) engineer

(e) about