

2023

## 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) “His grief, which had abated for short while, returns and rends his heart with greater force.” 8

*Or*

- (b) “He lost himself immediately in the crowd which was clamorous, slow and agitated by interminable bargains.” 8

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

(a) Describe the relationship between Mini and Cabulliwalah. 8

*Or*

(b) Describe the circumstances under which the verger had to lose his job in St. Peter's Church. 8

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

(a) "My dear, this is a very extraordinary communication. Exceedingly so. Yes, very".

Who is the 'extraordinary communication' from and why is the communication 'extraordinary'? 4

*Or*

(b) Who is Miss O' Shay? Why had Miss O' Shay called Nancy to the office? 4

4. *Answer the following question in about 50 words :*

Why did Hubert continue to plead his innocence? 3

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

(a) Why did George give the pocket book to his employer? 2

(b) Why was Cabulliwalah imprisoned for some years? 2

- (c) "Dreams began to dance through her head,"  
What were the dreams of Nancy ? 2
- (d) Why was the officer angry with the Iona Potapov ? 2
- (e) Why was Reynolds interested in the prize poem ? 2
- (f) Why could the verger not learn letters when he was young ? 2

**SECTION - B**  
**(ONE-ACT PLAY)**

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

- (a) Narrate how Berta won Fidel back ? 8

*Or*

- (b) Write how the Bishop succeeded to prove that the human body is the temple of the living God ? 8

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

- (a) Comment on the character of Jane Marlet in "The Miracle Merchant". 4

*Or*

- (b) Bring out the turning points in the life of the convict. 4

8. *Answer the following question in about 50 words :*

"As for you, my fine rooster, go and play the bear to Celestina Garcia" Explain.

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

- (a) How did Don Nimfo happen to finance the building of the new church at Topo Grande ? 2

- (b) Why did Louis Courcet tell Miss Beauwhistle about the quarrel between Jane and Dora ? 2
- (c) How did Louis Courcet fail to get a loan from Mrs. Beauwhistle ? 2
- (d) How did Louis try to frighten Jane ? 2
- (e) Why does the convict eager to go to Paris ? 2

**SECTION – C**

**(NOVEL)**

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

- (a) Write how R.K. Narayan depicted Mali in the novel “The Vendor of Sweets”. 8

*Or*

- (b) Bring out the Gandhian ethics in the novel “The Vendor of Sweets”. 8

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

- (a) Comment on Jagan’s preference for ‘Natural thing’ and ‘Nature cure’. 4

*Or*

- (b) Write briefly about Jagan’s love for his son ‘Mali’. 4

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

- (a) Why did Mali turn down Jagan’s offer to take over his shop ? 3

- (b) Why was Jagan not willing to invest in Mali’s project ? 3

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

Why was Mali arrested by the police ?

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**SECTION – D**

**(GRAMMAR & PHONOLOGY)**

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

(a) At sixes & sevens

(b) Black sheep

(c) Bag and baggage

(d) Crocodile tears

(e) Far and wide

(f) Hard and fast

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

A recent study has shown that about 250 tonnes of plastic wastes come out of various colonies of major cities everyday. This disrupts the sewer system, the essential arteries of city life. These plastic wastes choke the land mass and clog the pores of the wetlands.

(a) Use the word 'system' as an adjective and make a sentence. 1

(b) Give the opposite of 'Clog'. 1

(c) Pick out the sub-ordinate clause in the first sentence of the passage and rewrite it. 1

(d) Change the last sentence of the passage into passive voice. 1

16. *Transcribe the following words with phonetic symbols :*
- (a) Gate 1
  - (b) Theme 1
  - (c) Chance 1
  - (d) Engine 1
17. *Make the primary stress in the following words :*
- (a) Edit 1
  - (b) Divide 1
  - (c) Remember 1
  - (d) Incidence 1
18. *Complete each statement with the correct one from the alternatives given and rewrite as your answer :*
- (i) There are \_\_\_\_\_ nasal sounds in English language. 1
- (a) 2
  - (b) 3
  - (c) 4
  - (d) 5
- (ii) /k/ is a \_\_\_\_\_ sound. 1
- (a) plosive
  - (b) fricative
  - (c) nasal
  - (d) dental

(iii) He told me to \_\_\_\_\_ his dog while he was away.

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(a) look into

(b) look at

(c) look for

(d) look after

(iv) She washed her hands after she had taken her dinner.

In the above sentence 'after' is used as \_\_\_\_\_.

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(a) a preposition

(b) a conjunction

(c) an adjective

(d) an adverb