

2024

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) Why despite the committee's actions, does Nancy Lee not lose her sense of pride and self-worth in the story "One Friday Morning?" 8

OR

- (b) Why did the rules for Sixth Form Poetry Prize alter? 8

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

- (a) How does Anton Chekhov present Iona's grief in the story 'Grief'? 4

OR

- (b) Describe the deformed feature of the peasants who were coming towards the town. 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 40 words each:*

- (a) Why did Maitre Hauchecorne pretend to be still looking for something when he saw Malandain watching him? 2
- (b) What was the incident that led to Cabuliwallah's imprisonment? 2
- (c) Why was Nancy not given the prize? 2

- (d) "The Manager was so surprised that he jumped up from his chair." Why did the Manager jump up in surprise? 2
- (e) Why had Iona, in his loneliness, to tell the horse the whole story? 2
- (f) Why was Hauchecorne not believed by the peasants when he protested his innocence? 2

SECTION – B

(ONE-ACT PLAY)

6. Answer the following question in about 125 words:

- (a) Comment on the role of Salome and Tonia in bringing Fidel back to Berta. 8

OR

- (b) Write the significance of the title of the play "The Bishop's Candlesticks" 8

7. Answer the following question in about 60 words:

- (a) "they have made me what I am, they have made me a thief"

What circumstances led the convict to become a thief again? 4

OR

- (b) "the thing you are chasing should run away"

How did Louis make Jane run away? 4

8. *Answer the following question in about 50 words:*
- Why did Jane and Dora quarrel? 3
9. *Answer the following questions in about 40 words each:*
- (a) What was Fidel's explanation to Berta for his meeting with Celestina? 2
- (b) Why did the convict wish to go to Paris? 2
- (c) Why was Mrs. Beauwhistle worried when Louis told her of the quarrel between Jane and Dora? 2
- (d) Why does Mrs. Beauwhistle talk to Jane about the Mackenzie-Hubbard wedding? 2
- (e) Why did the Bishop sell the silver salt-cellars? 2

SECTION – C

(NOVEL)

10. *Answer the following question in about 125 words:*
- (a) Write how the cousin is presented by R.K. Narayan in the novel 'The Vendor of Sweets' 8

OR

- (b) Bring out the conflict between tradition and modernity in the novel 'The Vendor of Sweets' 8
11. *Answer the following question in about 60 words:*
- (a) "Jagan felt grateful for being an outcast" Why did he feel so? 4

OR

- (b) What does "Conquer taste, and you will have conquered the self" mean according to Jagan? 4

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

Why did Jagan never change his view of using margosa to brush his teeth? 3

13. *Answer the following question in about 40 words:*

Why did Mali blame his father for his mother's death? 2

14. *Choose the correct one from the given alternative that follow each question as your answer:*

(a) Marriage ceremony of Jagan and Ambika was held on the – 1

(A) 10th of August

(B) 10th of September

(C) 10th of October

(D) 15th of November

(b) "You are making a drastic reduction in the price of your sweets?" Who asked the above to Jagan? 1

(A) The sait

(B) The cousin

(C) The canteen owner

(D) The bearded man

(c) At the end of the story, Jagan gave the cousin – 1

(A) A bunch of keys

(B) two thousand rupees

(C) a lot of sweets

(D) a cheque of two thousand rupees

SECTION – D

(GRAMMAR AND PHONOLOGY)

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

- (a) A close shave
- (b) A chip of the old block
- (c) To read between the lines
- (d) A storm in a tea cup
- (e) To break the ice
- (f) A cock-and-bull story

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

A book is written, not to multiply the voice merely, not to carry it merely but to perpetuate it. The author has something to say which he perceives to be true and useful or help fully beautiful. So far he knows no one has said it, so far as he knows no one else can say it. He is bound to say it clearly and melodiously if he may; clearly at all event. In the sum of his life, he finds this to be the things or group of things, manifest him; this, the true piece of true knowledge, or sight, which his share of sunshine and earth has permitted him to seize. That is a book.

- (a) Change the first sentence of the given passage into Active voice. 1
- (b) Find the word from the passage which mean “to keep alive”. 1
- (c) Identify the phrase “a book” of the last sentence. 1
- (d) Make a sentence using adjective from of the word “perceive”. 1

17. *Transcribe the following words using /PA symbols :*
- (a) amount 1
 - (b) pleasure 1
 - (c) connection 1
 - (d) future 1
18. *Make the primary stress on the following :*
- (a) refugee 1
 - (b) language 1
 - (c) expensive 1
 - (d) lovingly 1
19. *Complete each statement with the correction from the alternatives given and rewrite as your answer :*
- (a) Each phoneme has some unique features. Such features are called _____ 1
- (A) prosodic feature
 - (B) segmental feature
 - (C) Non-segmental features
 - (D) Supra-segmental features
- (b) Derivational affixes change the _____. 1
- (A) tense of verb
 - (B) number of a noun
 - (C) syntactical category of a word
 - (D) stress pattern of all the root word

- (c) The miscreants made an attempt to _____ the bridge. 1
- (A) blow down
 - (B) blow up
 - (C) blow out
 - (D) blow off
- (d) The boy _____ to explain the passage. 1
- (A) called his teacher
 - (B) said to his teacher
 - (C) asked his teacher
 - (D) told his teacher