

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) “ To the brown girl there in the chair, the room grew suddenly smaller, smaller, smaller and there was no air. She could not speak., for there was no air to give breath to her lungs.” 8

Or

- (b) “Go back to your daughter,, in your own country, and may the happiness of your meeting bring good fortune to my child” 8

2. Answer the following question in about 125 words:

- (a) How could the headmaster of St. Austin’s college accomplish the herculean task of stopping a convention in the college? 8

Or

- (b) How did Iona attempt to ease his heartache grief? 8

3. Answer the following question in about 60 words:
- (a) Explain the circumstances that interrupt the normal duties of Albert Edward Foreman, the vergger of St. Peter's church with the entry of a new vicar at the church. 4
- Or*
- (b) Explain the circumstances that lead Hauchecorne to sufer injustice by the quarrel between he and Malandain. 4
4. Answer the following question in about 50 words:
- (a) What made the manager of the bank stare at Albert Edward Foreman, the former vergger of St. Peter's church, with a surprise? 3
- Or*
- (b) What is the role of the string in Maupassant's story ' A Piece of String'? 3
5. Answer the following question in about 35 words each:
- (a) Why did Albert Edward decide to set up a tobacco shop after resigning from the church? 2
- (b) Why were the peasants of Goderville looked deformed? 2
- (c) Why did Iona endlessly try to share his grief though nobody was ready for it. 2
- (d) How did the students react to the announcement of the headmaster about the prize poem competition? 2
- (e) Why was Mini's father reluctant to let the Cabuliwalla meet his daughter on her wedding day? 2
- (f) How did Nancy Lee console herself when the committee had changed their decision? 2

SECTION – B
(ONE ACT PLAY)

6. Answer the following question in about 125 words:
- (a) How was the convict transformed to a good man in the One-Act Play 'The Bishop's candlesticks' ? 8
- Or*
- (b) How did Louis sow the seed of fear in Jane's mind in the One-Act Play 'The Miracle Merchant' ? 8
7. Answer the following question in about 60 words:
- (a) Bring out the role of love and sympathy in restoring the convict's faith in humanity in the play 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' ? 4
- Or*
- (b) Bring out the role of Salome and Tonia in bringing Fidel back to Berta in the play 'Sunday Cost Five Pesos'? 4
8. Answer the following question in about 50 words:
- (a) What was the cause of bitterness between Dora and Jane in the Miracle Merchant? 3
- Or*
- (b) What does the convict mean by his statement, "I am too old a bird to be caught with chaff" ? 3
9. Answer the following question in about 35 words each:
- (a) How, according to Norman McKinnel, was the convict treated in the jail? 2
- (b) How does Don Nimfo's offer sound attractive to Fidel? 2
- (c) Why would Fidel be called an honest lover of Berta? 2

- (d) Why did Louis fail to get a loan from his aunt? 2
- (e) Why did Mrs. Beauwhistle mock Louis' miracle? 2

SECTION – C

(NOVEL)

10. Answer the following question in about 125 words:

- (a) How does the novel, 'The Vendor of Sweets' portray the difference in the traditional view of marriage and modern concept of partnership? 8

Or

- (b) " Grace falls a victim to the false blandishments and deceitful tricks of Mali" . How was she victimised in the novel, " TheVendor of Sweets" ? 8

11. Answer the following question in about 60 words:

- (a) Why did Jagan feel that he should retreat from his home and needed an escapade? 4

Or

- (b) Why did the cousin suggest Jagan to get Mali and Grace married in the hill temple? 4

12. Answer the following question in about 50 words:

- (a) Why did Jagan avoid people after Mali had brought Grace? 3

Or

- (b) Why does Mali turn down Jagan's offer to take charge of the sweet vendor? 3

13. Answer the following question in about 35 words:
Why did Jagan feel desolate at the thought of losing Grace? 2
14. Answer the following questions by ticking(✓) the right option from the given alternatives.
- (a) After 10 years of marriage, Jagan and Ambika gave birth to Mali by the blessings of the fertility God_____ 1
- (i) Santana Krishna
(ii) Lord Hanuman
(iii) Lord Rama
(iv) Lord Vishnu
- (b) Grace's mother was a Korean who married to 1
- (i) an Indian soldier
(ii) an American soldier
(iii) an English soldier
(iv) an Australian soldier
- (c) How many years did Mali spend in America? 1
- (i) Four years
(ii) Six years
(iii) Three years
(iv) Ten years

SECTION – D
(GRAMMER AND PHONOLOGY)

15. Frame sentences using any four of the following: 1x4=4
- (a) A bolt from the blue
 - (b) Once in a blue moon
 - (c) By hook or by crook
 - (d) beast of burden
 - (e) cock and bull story
 - (f) At a glance
16. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.
- Listen to other candidates carefully. Good listening will always bestow you more ideas. You will be able to know what other candidates have missed. Keep on planning and polishing your views on the subject.
- (a) Use the word ‘ carefully’ as a noun in a sentence of your own. 1
 - (b) Transform the second sentence of the passage to its negative form. 1
 - (c) Identify the type of the subordinate clause in the third sentence of the passage. 1
 - (d) Change the last sentence of the passage to its indirect form of speech. 1
17. Transcribe the following words with phonetic symbols. 1x4=4
- (a) Explain
 - (b) Precaution
 - (c) Village
 - (d) Complain

18. Make the primary stress in the following words. 1x4=4

- (a) family
- (b) Refugee
- (c) language
- (d) dependent

19. Complete each statement with the correct one from the alternatives and rewrite it as your answer:

(a) There are _____fricatives in English language. 1

- (i) 3
- (ii) 6
- (iii) 9
- (iv) 12

(b) Plosives are also called _____ 1

- (i) Fricatives
- (ii) Affricates
- (iii) Nasal
- (iv) Stops

(c) How can I give _____when I am not at fault 1

- (i) up
- (ii) away
- (iii) way
- (iv) in

(d) You can come and take as much as you can.
In the above sentence 'and' is a _____

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- (i) Cumulative conjunction
- (ii) Alternative conjunction
- (iii) Adversative conjunction
- (iv) Illative conjunction
