

**2020**

**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) “All of a sudden a drum rolled in the Court before the house. Everyone, except some of the most indifferent, was on his feet at once, and ran to the door, to the windows, with his mouth still full and his napkin in his hand.”

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*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.”

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2. *Answer the following question in about 120 words :*
- (a) Comment on the theme of the story "Cabuliwallah". 8
- Or**
- (b) 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
3. *Answer the following question in about 50-60 words :*
- (a) How does Anton Chekhov present Lona's grief in the story 'Grief'? 4
- Or**
- (b) 'This is a very extraordinary communication. Exceedingly so. Yes, very'. Who is the extraordinary communication from and why is the communication 'extraordinary'? 4
4. *Answer the following question in about 50 words :*
- Why was Reynolds interested in Prize Poem scheme? 3
5. *Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :*
- (a) What was the announcement made by the Public crier? 2
- (b) How had the Cabuliwallah overcome Mini's first terror and become Mini's friend? 2
- (c) Why was Nancy Lee disappointed? 2
- (d) How did Lona Potapov spend the night? 2

- (e) Why did Albert Edward Foreman decide to resign as a verger ? 2
- (f) What was the motive of the rich and misanthropic man behind the introduction of the scheme of the Prize Poem ? 2

**SECTION – B**  
**(ONE-ACT PLAY)**

6. *Answer the following question in about 120 words :*

- (a) Discuss the theme of the play 'Sunday Costs Five Pesos'. 8

**OR**

- (b) How does the Bishop help the convict to redeem and make him realise that the human body is the temple of God ? 8

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

- (a) Write a short note on the character of Louis Courcet in 'The Miracle Merchant'. 4

**OR**

- (b) 'I was a man once and I am a beast now'.

What circumstances turned a man into a beast in 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' ? 4

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

- Why did Berta and Celestina decide to play fingers ? 3

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

- (a) Why did Louis Courcet tell Mrs. Beauwhistle about Jane and Dora's quarrel ? 2
- (b) How did Jane become a victim of Louis Courcet's trick ? 2
- (c) Why did Berta quarrel with Fidel ? 2
- (d) Why does the convict call the prison a hell ? 2
- (e) How does the convict behave when he encounters the Bishop at first ? 2

**SECTION – C**  
**(NOVEL)**

10. *Answer the following question in about 120 words :*

- (a) 'Mali is a spoiled child of Westernization'. Discuss 8

**OR**

- (b) Write a brief note on the relationship between Jagan and Mali in 'The Vendor of Sweets'. 8

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

- (a) Why is Jagan disturbed when he comes to know about Grace ? 4

**OR**

- (b) Why did Jagan feel that he needed an escape ? 4

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

- (a) What remedy does Jagan suggest for the problem of vagrants ? 3
- (b) What does Jagan say about Kalidas ? 3

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

What are the principles on which Jagan's business is based ?

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### SECTION – D

#### (GRAMMAR, PHONETICS & PHONOLOGY)

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

- (a) At sixes and sevens
- (b) Once in a blue moon
- (c) Apple of discord
- (d) To build castles in the air
- (e) A curtain lecture
- (f) Crocodile tears

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

Being a student of Geology, I also find much amusement in collecting fossils. The earth and its crust reveal to me mysterious unknown and wonders undreamt of. I know how aged a particular piece of soil is and what its characteristics are.

- (a) Give the antonym of the word 'amusement'. 1
- (b) Use 'particular' as an adverb in a new sentence of your own. 1
- (c) Identify the phrase 'Being a student of Geology'. 1
- (d) Change the first sentence into a Complex sentence. 1

16. *Transcribe the following words with phonetic symbols :* 1×4=4
- (a) Confuse
  - (b) Precaution
  - (c) Illusion
  - (d) Phoenix
17. *Make the primary stress in the following words :* 1×4=4
- (a) Examination
  - (b) Favourite
  - (c) Gratitude
  - (d) Academic
18. *For each question, choose the correct answer from the options given :*
- (i) Plosives are also called \_\_\_\_\_ . 1
- (a) Fricatives
  - (b) Affricates
  - (c) Nasal
  - (d) Stops
- (ii) Fill in the blank with the correct option : 1
- There are \_\_\_\_\_ sounds in the English Language.
- (a) 40
  - (b) 24
  - (c) 44
  - (d) 20

(iii) Choose the correct option to complete the blank in the given sentence :

There is a danger of the conflict spreading \_\_\_\_\_ the whole of Central Africa. 1

(a) of

(b) for

(c) from

(d) across

(iv) Although the room is big, it won't hold all that furniture. 'Although' in the given sentence is \_\_\_\_\_ 1

(a) a noun

(b) an adverb

(c) an adjective

(d) a conjunction