

2025

## 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) “Should his heart break and the grief pour out, it would flow over the whole earth it seems, and yet, no one sees it.” 8

*Or*

- (b) “But the evil that men do lives after them, and each year saw a fresh band of unwilling bards goaded to despair by his bequest.” 8

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

- (a) Why was the new vicar's chance discovery of Albert Edward Foreman's illiteracy a blessing in disguise for the verger? 8

*Or*

- (b) Explain the role of the string in the short story 'A Piece of String'. BY G.D. Maupassant. 8

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

- (a) Why was the Cabuliwallah heartbroken at the end of the story? 4

*Or*

- (b) How did Nancy Lee feel when the committee had changed their decision? 4

4. *Answer any one from the following questions in about 50 words :*

- (a) Why was Nancy Lee called into the Vice-Principal's office for the second time? 3

- (b) Why was the Cabuliwallah separated from Mini for a long time? 3

5. *Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :*

- (a) Why did Hauchecorne keep claiming his innocence even before his death? 2

- (b) Why was Mini afraid of the Cabuliwallah when she first saw him? 2

- (c) Why did Miss O' Shay plan to go before the school board? 2



- (d) Why did Albert Edward decide to set up a tobacco shop after resigning from the St. Peter's Church? 2
- (e) Why did Iona always try to share his grief though no one was ready for it? 2
- (f) How did the students react to the announcement of the headmaster about the prize poem competition? 2

## SECTION – B

### (ONE ACT PLAY)

6. Answer the following question in about 125 words :

- (a) Describe the role of love, compassion and forgiveness as portrayed in the play, 'The Bishop's Candlesticks'. 8

Or

- (b) How did Louis sow the seed of fear in Jane's mind? 8

7. Answer the following question in about 60 words :

- (a) Why was the convicted criminal reluctant to steal the Bishop's candlesticks? 4

Or

- (b) Why should Fidel Duran be called an honest lover? 4

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

(a) Why was Fidel ready to accept the offer of Don Nimfo?

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*Or*

(b) Why did Jane and Dora quarrel?

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9. *Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :*

(a) Why did the Bishop leave his doors and windows opened even during the night?

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(b) Why was the Bishop sentimental about the candlesticks?

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(c) Why does Sturridge carry a sword to Jane?

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(d) Why does Tonia ask Salome to be careful?

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(e) Why did Louis fail to get a loan from his aunt?

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### **SECTION – C**

#### **(NOVEL)**

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

(a) Comment on the character of Jagan as portrayed in the novel 'The Vendor of Sweets'.

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*Or*

(b) How was Grace victimized under the false blandishments and deceitful tricks of Mali?

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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?

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**Or**

- (b) How could Grace win the confidence of Jagan?

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12. Answer any one from the following questions in about 50 words :

- (a) Why did Mali turn down Jagan's offer to take the charge of the sweet vendor?

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- (b) Why did Jagan confront his son with a new-born aggressive mood?

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13. Answer the following question in about 40 words :

Why did Jagan feel desolate at the thought of losing Grace?

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14. Choose the best option from the given alternatives that follow each question as your answer :

- (a) Grace's mother was Korean and she married to –

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(A) an Indian soldier

(B) an American soldier

(C) an English soldier

(D) an Australian soldier

- (b) Where is the novel, The Vendor of Sweets' set?

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(A) Delhi

(B) Bombay

(C) Calcutta

(D) Malgudi



(c) What was the age of Mali when his mother died?

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(A) six

(B) eight

(C) ten

(D) twenty

### SECTION – D

#### (GRAMMAR AND PHONOLOGY)

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

(a) Once in a blue moon

(b) A cock-and-bull story

(c) At a glance

(d) Beast of burden

(e) A bolt from the blue

(f) By hook or by crook

16. *Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :*

The Moon and the Mars have been reached. Old romantic notions have been replaced by a factual survey that there is a close affinity between the earth and these heavenly bodies. Every inch of them has been mapped. We know their topography and this knowledge has removed our fear of them.

(a) Change the first sentence of the given passage into Active Voice.

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(b) Find a word from the given passage which is synonymous with, "Resemblance".

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- (c) Identify the clause – “that there is a close affinity between the earth and these heavenly bodies” of the second sentence. 1
- (d) Transform the last sentence of the passage into a simple sentence. 1
17. *Transcribe the following words using IPA phonetic symbols :*
- (a) gracious 1
- (b) building 1
- (c) complete 1
- (d) condition 1
18. *Make the primary stress on the following :*
- (a) Beautiful 1
- (b) Computer 1
- (c) Papaya 1
- (d) Illustrate 1
19. *Choose the best option from the alternatives given for each question to answer them :*
- (a) How many levels of stress are there in the stress system of English Language? 1
- (A) one
- (B) two
- (C) three
- (D) four

(b) There are ..... nasal sounds in English Language. 1

(A) two

(B) three

(C) four

(D) five

(c) How many sounds are there in English? 1

(A) 26

(B) 21

(C) 41

(D) 44

(d) There are ..... Consonant sounds in English? 1

(A) 24

(B) 21

(C) 44

(D) 41