

2016

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three Hours and *Fifteen Minutes

*(*15 minutes are given as extra time for reading questions)*

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) "He lost himself immediately in the crowd, which was clamorous, slow and agitated by interminable bargains." 6

Or

- b) "His grief, which had abated for short while, returns and rends his heart with greater force." 6

2. Answer the following question in about 100 words:

- (a) "Difficulties, yes. Mountains to climb, yes. Discouragements to face, yes. Democracy to make, yes. That is it, Nancy Lee!"

What does the above statement mean? Explain.

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Or

- (b) Why did the rules for the Sixth Form poetry prize alter?

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3. Answer the following questions in about 25 words each :

- (a) Why did the Mayor charge Hauchecorne of picking up the pocket book?

2

- (b) "... he was not remembered."

Why was the cabuliwallah forgotten by Mini?

2

- (c) Why did Albert Edward look for a shop after he came out of the church?

2

- (d) "A man who knows his job, who has had enough to eat, and his horse too, can always sleep peacefully."

What made Iona say the above statement?

2

4. Answer the following in about 30 words each :

- (a) "The Manager was so surprised that he jumped from his chair."

Why did the Manager jump up in surprise?

3

- (b) Why and how was the Cabuliwallah sent to jail?

3

- (c) Why did Reynolds wish he was in the Sixth Form?

3

5. *Answer the following questions in **one** sentence each :*

- (a) What was the reward announced for the return of the lost pocket book ? 1
- (b) Who had given the eight-anna to Mini ? 1
- (c) Why did the verger refuse to learn how to read and write ? 1
- (d) To whom does Iona tell his whole story ? 1
- (e) Who introduced the scheme of the Prize Poem ? 1

SECTION-B

(ONE-ACT PLAY)

6. *Answer the following question in about 100 words :*

- (a) What is the message of the play 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' ?
How does the writer drive his message home ? 7

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph on the character of Berta. 7

7. *Answer the following questions in about 25 words each :*

- (a) Why was Jane unhappy with the hen she had bought from Dora ? 2
- (b) Why did the convict think of going to Paris ? 2
- (c) What for did Celestina slap Salome on the cheek ? 2

8. Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :

- (a) Comment on Fidel's estimate of himself as a wood carver. 3
- (b) Why did the convict say that he was once a man but made a beast in the prison ? 3
- (c) Why was Mrs. Beauwhistle eager to get Jane out of her house before Thursday ? 3

9. Answer the following questions in **one** sentence each :

- (a) Why were the candlesticks so dear to the Bishop ? 1
- (b) "Well, I must leave you and go and do some gardening".
Who is the speaker here ? 1
- (c) 'That was worth five pesos'. Who said it ? 1

SECTION-C

(NOVEL)

10. Answer the following question in about 100 words :

- (a) Comment on the role and significance of the cousin in 'The Vendor of Sweets'. 7

OR

- (b) Give reasons why Jagan decided to leave home for ever. 7

11. Answer the following questions in about 25 words each :

- (a) Why was Mali arrested by the Police ? 2
- (b) Why was Jagan's reading of "Bhagavad Gita" gradually replaced by the blue airmail letters ? 2

12. Amplify **any one** of the following in about 35 words each :

- (a) What was the reason for Mali to go to America ? How did he arrange for his journey ? 3
- (b) Why did Jagan decide to reduce the price of his sweets ? 3
- (c) Why did Jagan avoid people after Mali had brought Grace from America ? 3

SECTION-D

(GRAMMAR & PHONOLOGY)

13. Frame sentences using the following idiomatic phrases : 1×4=4

- (a) Blow one's own trumpet.
- (b) Cock and bull story.
- (c) a bone of contention.
- (d) to hit the jackpot.

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

Before taking up an action, it is necessary for us to think about the probable effects to all sections of the people in the society. If it would hurt the interests and sentiments of the people, directly and indirectly, it is better to review it so that it may be free from any criticism from any quarters. However, the time factor, which is very important, should also be taken into consideration. Ignoring all these factors, actions taken in a haste may not come out successful.

- (a) Use the word 'probable' as a noun in a new sentence of your own. 1
- (b) Give the antonym of the word 'hurt'. 1
- (c) Change the voice of the third sentence. 1
- (d) Rewrite the last sentence using a simple word for 'in a haste'. 1
- (e) Turn the second sentence into a simple sentence. 1
- (f) Transform the first sentence into an interrogative sentence. 1

15. *Transcribe the following words with phonetic symbols:* 1 × 5 = 5

- (a) silence
- (b) machine
- (c) complain

(d) gracious

(e) pirate.

16. *Make primary stress on the following :*

1 × 5 = 5

(a) language

(b) expensive

(c) cousin

(d) library

(e) ago.