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ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

General Instructions :

- (i) Write all the answers in the Answer Script.
- (ii) Attempt Part—A (Objective Questions) serially.
- (iii) Attempt all parts of a question together at one place.

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(*Marks : 50*)

SECTION—I

(*Marks : 20*)

- 1.** State whether the following statements are *True* or *False* : 1×6=6

- (a) Velan's half-witted brother announced to the people that the Swami did not want any food.
- (b) The old teacher at the Pyol School was paid one thousand rupees per month for each boy.

(2)

- (c) When Raju became a railway guide he left his shop to the son of a coolie.
- (d) Rosie married Marco after seeing an advertisement in the newspaper.
- (e) Rosie performed the Bharat Natyam at the Albert Mission School in their annual function.
- (f) Raju would take tourists to the Iswar Temple in North Extension on the walls of which are carved hundreds of verses from the *Ramayana*.

2. Name the speaker and the person spoken to : 1×6=6

- (a) Remember, if any luck comes to you, it was I that made a woman of you.
- (b) Our patriotism, our heroic ideals. I sometimes used to doubt whether they were anything but dreams.
- (c) How easy it is to talk ! Men never seem to me to grow up : they all have schoolboy's ideas.
- (d) When you strike that noble attitude and speak in that thrilling voice, I admire you; but I find it impossible to believe a single word you say.
- (e) Which of the six is the real man? That's the question that torments me.
- (f) There was an Englishman at Philippopolis who used to wet himself all over with cold water every morning when he got up. Disgusting !

(3)

3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word : 1×8=8

(a) If mosquitoes were actually the carriers of the disease then the — would be found alive, within their bodies.

(germs/parasites/eggs)

(b) In order that the liberties of all may be preserved the liberties of everybody must be —.

(controlled/curtailed/limited)

(c) In his — Sir Ronald Ross relates how he tried to establish the truth or otherwise of the infected-water theory.

(biography/memoirs/vignette)

(d) A stout old lady was walking with her — down the middle of a street in Petrograd.

(cane/umbrella/basket)

(e) I'll come to thee by moonlight, though — should bar the way.

(guards/hell/soldiers)

(f) I saw her — at work.

(bending/singing/busy)

(g) No — did ever Chaunt
More welcome notes to weary bands.

(Maiden/Skylark/Nightingale)

(h) To serve therewith my Maker, and present.
My true account, lest He returning —,

(rebuke/chide/scold)

(4)

SECTION—II

(Marks : 30)

4. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in 2/3 sentences each : 3×10=30
- (a) What does Milton mean by 'mild yoke' in his sonnet?
 - (b) How did the Highwayman die?
 - (c) What is the theme of the Solitary Reaper's song according to Wordsworth?
 - (d) According to Patrick Manson, what is elephantiasis and how is the disease spread?
 - (e) What was wrong with the gentleman who entered Gardiner's compartment in a railway carriage?
 - (f) How did Catherine finally approve of Bluntschli's proposal to Raina?
 - (g) Explain the title of the play, *Arms and the Man*.
 - (h) What were the factors that created a rift between Raju and Rosie's relationship?
 - (i) What was the outcome of Ross's experiment with infected-water theory?
 - (j) According to Gardiner, how do we declare that we are civilized or uncivilized?

(5)

- (k) What are the two meanings of 'talent' implied by Milton in the sonnet, *On His Blindness*?
- (l) Give an example of humour as found in Narayan's *The Guide*.
- (m) Describe the effect of the Reaper's song on the neighbourhood.

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

5. "The discovery was really two discoveries, and each was of vital importance." How did Ross explain this observation?

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Or

"A reasonable consideration for the rights or feelings of others is the foundation of social conduct." Give reasons to justify the statement.

6. Describe the effect of Bess' tragic death on the highwayman.

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Or

Write the substance of *The Solitary Reaper*.

Or

Justify the title of the sonnet, *On His Blindness*.

(6)

7. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

(a) Compare and contrast between the characters of Nicola and Louka.

(b) Discuss the differences between Sergius' picture of warfare (the romanticized view) and that of Bluntschli's (practical and realistic).

(c) Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 5×2=10

(i) Catherine

(ii) Raina

(iii) Mr. Petkoff

8. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

(a) Give an account of the relationship between Velan and Raju, pointing out how Velan influenced Raju's fate and fortunes.

(b) The development of the character of Raju as a travel guide justifies the title, *The Guide*. Discuss.

(7)

(c) Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
5×2=10

- (i) Rosie
- (ii) Marco
- (iii) Gaffur

9. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow :

The year's at the spring,
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hill-side's dew-pearl'd;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in his heaven—
All's right with the world!

- (a) Give a suitable title to the poem. 2
- (b) What are the facts that the poet has noticed in the first six lines? 3
- (c) What light does the poem throw on the hill-side? 2
- (d) What is the time of the morning as referred to in the poem? 1
- (e) What is the poet's attitude towards God's creation? 2

(8)

10. Write a short essay in about 250 words on any *one* of the following : 10

(a) The day when everything went wrong

(b) Internet—its merits and demerits

(c) The prospects of tourism in the North-East

(d) The importance of libraries
