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ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

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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 daughter is married to his sister's son.

(b) Raju bet the barber two annas if he can guess how long he had been in jail.

(c) Raju and his family became the talk of the town because his father owned a horse and a carriage.

(d) Rosie was repelled by the movement of the cobra.

(e) Raju owed Sait, the wholesale merchant, eight thousand rupees.

(f) Nalini had to pay ten thousand rupees as bail bond for Raju.

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

(a) The Serbs have Austrian officers who are just as clever as the Russians; but we have beaten them in every battle for all that.



(b) Child : you don't know the power such high people have over the likes of you and me and when we try to rise out of our poverty against them.

(c) Age is beginning to tell on me. I'm getting hallucinations.

(d) A shocking sacrifice, isn't it? Such beauty! Such intellect! Such modesty!

(e) It is unnecessary to tell us anything more. That is quite enough for us.

(f) This is either the finest heroism or the most crawling baseness.

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

(a) Over the _____ he clattered and clashed in the dark inn-yard.

(pebbles / cobbles / rubbles)

(b) She twisted her hands behind her; but all the _____ held good.

(ropes / knots / strings)

(c) Behold her _____ in the field.

(singing / single / swinging)

(d) When I consider how my light is _____
Ere half my days ...

(faded / spend / spent)

(e) He contrived that mosquitoes suck up blood full of the _____ of malaria.

(bacteria / virus / parasites)

(f) In the course of _____ years, Ross discovered the enemy, and showed how it could be conquered.

(three / four / five)

(g) Liberty is not a _____ affair only, but a social contract.

(individual / personal / private)

(h) A reasonable consideration for the rights or feelings of others is the foundation of social _____.

(sense / order / conduct)

SECTION—II

(*Marks* : 30)

4. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in *2* to *3* sentences each : 3×10=30

(a) How did Raju's mother fuss over him before he started for school each day?

(b) Describe the activities at Malgudi Railway Station on the day of the train's first arrival at the station.

(c) What did Raju and Rosie do on their first outing together?

(d) What are the differences between the old soldiers and the young soldiers?

(e) What was the warning and advice given by Nicola to Louka?

(f) How did Raina explain her mistake of addressing Bluntschli as 'the chocolate cream soldier'?

(g) Who was Sir Patrick Manson? How was he brought into close contact with Malaria? 1+2=3

(h) Why, according to A. G. Gardiner, would a man not attempt to thrust himself in front of anyone at the ticket office?

(i) How is the Highwayman described in the second stanza of the poem?

(j) What did the Highwayman promise Bess?

(k) What is Milton afraid of after he had lost his eyesight?

(l) What did Patience make Milton understand?

(m) What is the reaper doing in the field?



(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(*Marks* : 50)

5. Describe Sir Ronald Ross's experiment to prove that human beings cannot contract Malaria by drinking water infected by mosquitoes. 5

Or

Mention some examples of how we can enjoy personal liberty, according to A. G. Gardiner.

6. Elaborate on the themes of love, loss and death in the poem, *The Highwayman*. 5

Or

What is the theme of the maiden's song according to the poet's imagination?

Or

In what way does the poem, *On His Blindness* reaffirm Milton's unflinching faith in God?

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

(a) Give a character sketch of Bluntschli.

(b) Discuss the themes of 'love' and 'war' in *Arms and the Man*.

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

(i) Sergius

(ii) Raina

(iii) Louka

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

(a) Why was Raju sent to the 'pyol' school? Describe his experiences at this school. 3+7=10

(b) Trace the development of the relationship between Raju and Rosie. 10

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

(i) Nalini

(ii) Raju's uncle

(iii) Velan

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

I have been young, and now am not too old;
And I have seen the righteous forsaken,
His health, his honour and his quality taken,
This is not what we were formerly told.

I have seen a green country, useful to the race,
Knocked silly with guns and mines, its villages vanished,
Even the last rat and last kestrel banished—
God bless us all, this was peculiar grace.

I knew Seraphina; Nature gave her hue,
Glance, sympathy, note, like one from Eden.
I saw her smile warp, heard her lyric deaden;
She turned to harlotry; —this I took to be new.

Say what you will, our God sees how they run.
These disillusions are His curious proving
That He loves humanity and will go on loving;
Over there are faith, life, virtue in the sun.

Questions :

(a) How are the righteous treated according to the poet? 2

(b) What happened to the 'green country'? 2

(c) Describe Seraphina's beauty. 2

(d) How did Seraphina change? 2

(e) How does the poet affirm his faith in God? 2



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

(a) The importance of time management in a student's life

(b) The benefits of recycling waste

(c) My favourite holiday destination

(d) Benefits of the Internet

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