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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2013

EL 2061 - ENGLISH THROUGH SHORT STORIES

(12 BATCH ONLY)

Date : 25/04/2013

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 9:00 - 12:00

SECTION – A

I Answer any TEN of the following in about 50 words each: (10x3=30)

1. How does Ambai describe the condition of the books in the library?
2. What is the plight of the talkative man on receiving the prize?
3. Why does the talkative man heave a sigh of relief in the end?
4. What happened to Varma after the death of his wife?
5. How did Rakesh serve his father during his illness?
6. Why does Ben Piece decide to let Jimmy go free?
7. Why did the Quick Man permit the conjuror to pound his gold watch to pieces?
8. What message do we get from the story *The Great Cremation Ground*?
9. How did Esed show his gratitude towards Mulla?
10. What does the prince think of the doctors in general?
11. How do the ant and the grasshopper spend the summer?
12. Why does Schatz think that he is going to die?

SECTION – B

II Answer any FIVE of the following in about 100 words each: (5x6=30)

13. What are the consequences awaiting the talkative man after his release from the lock-up?
14. How did Rakesh become a famous doctor in the town?
15. List out several examples to show how Jimmy has become a new man?
16. How did the Quick Man manage to spoil the trick of the conjuror? Give an example.
17. How does the writer criticise the accepted conventions in the story *The Great Cremation Ground*?
18. What is the surprise at the end of the story *The Ant and the Grasshopper*?
19. "Ignorance leads to suffering". Bring out the truth of this statement with reference to the story *A Day's Wait*.

20. Highlight Aksinov's influence in Semyonich's change of heart and confession.

SECTION – C

III Answer the following in about 300 words each: (3x10=30)

21. a) Do you consider Rakesh a truly 'devoted son'? Explain.

(OR)

b) "Forgiveness is the best form of revenge." Examine this statement with reference to the story *God Sees the Truth but Waits*.

22. a) How did the conjuror take revenge on the Quick Man? Explain.

(OR)

b) Attempt a character sketch of Mulla Nazruddin.

23. a) Do you think *luck* plays a vital role to be happy in one's life? Share an experience to support your view.

(OR)

b) Write an essay on the corrupt practices of doctors in the present society and suggest measures to enhance the image of the doctor's profession.

IV 24. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable words. (10x1=10)

I saw the priest of the local temple and managed to gain his -----1----- . He offered me the services of his temple elephant. I also -----2----- fifty coolies to push the engine from behind. You may be sure this -----3----- all my resources. The coolies wanted eight annas per head and the temple elephant -----4----- me seven rupees a day and I have to give it one -----5----- . My plan was to take the engine out of the gymkhana and then down the road to a field half a -----6----- off. The field was owned by a friend. He would not mind if I kept the engine there for a -----7----- of months, when I could go to Madras and find a customer for it. I also took into -----8----- one Joseph, a dismissed bus driver who said that although he knew nothing of road rollers he could nevertheless -----9----- on if it was somehow kept in -----10----- .

1. sympathy

2. furlong

3. engaged

4. couple

5. drained

6. services

7. cost

8. steer

9. feed

10. motion
