



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2014

EL 2061 - ENGLISH THROUGH SHORT STORIES

Date : 27/03/2014
Time : 09:00-12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

I. Answer any **TEN** of the following questions in about **75** words each

(10x3=30)

1. Comment on the climax of the story 'A Retrieved Reformation.'
2. What does the Prince mean when he says, 'There is no Mystery so great as Misery'?
3. What happens when the road engine is about to move on the chest of Swamiji?
4. What was the reaction of the people when the conjuror performed the goldfish trick?
5. How did Esed show his gratitude towards Mulla?
6. Briefly write down the manner in which human body resists diseases and cures itself.
7. How does Tom become a rich fellow in 'The Ant and the Grasshopper'?
8. Why does Schatz think that he is going to die?
9. Write a short note on Aksinov's character.
10. What is the message of the story "The Great Cremation Ground."
11. How does Rakesh serve his father during his illness?
12. How did the king recover at the end of the story?

II. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in 200 words:

(5X8=40)

1. What are the consequences awaiting the talkative man after his release from the lock-up?
2. Do you consider Rakesh a truly devoted son?
3. List five differences between Jimmy Valentine and Ralph D. Spencer.
4. Attempt a character sketch of Mulla Nazruddin.
5. "Ignorance leads to suffering."- Bring out the truth of this statement with reference to the story "A Day's Wait."
6. Why does God call the Swallow and the Prince the two most precious things in the city?
7. The fight between a man and a rat that he is set to capture is both physical and psychological in Ashok Mitran's story "The Rat"- Discuss.
8. How did the conjurer take revenge on the Quick Man?

III. Answer the following in **250** words:

(2X15=30)

1. a. How did the talkative man get rid of his engine in the short story 'The Engine Trouble'?

(Or)

b. Attempt a character sketch of Ivan Dmitrick Aksionov.

2. a. 'Is honesty the best policy in the modern society'? Elucidate.

(Or)

b. Write a short story beginning with the line, 'The detective saw him in the bank.... '
