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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2014

EL 2071 - AFFIRMATIVE WORDS & RADIANT EXPRESSIONS

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

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Max. : 100 Marks

I. Answer TWO of the following in about 300 words: (2x10=20)

1. A) Write an essay on the positive and negative impact of cricket on youth in India.
(or)
B) What are the main ideas communicated in the Native American Prayer?
2. A) Write an essay on the topic, "A world without a girl child."
(or)
B) What are the benefits of using Pleasant Speech as given by Thiruvalluvar.

II. Answer any FOUR of the following in about 150 words: (4x5=20)

3. Write any five points that tell us about the importance of stories in communication.
4. Explain the dilemma of the speaker in "The Road Not Taken"?
5. Identify and explain five leadership qualities in Mother Teresa.
6. Explain the theme of pain and concealing in "We Wear the Mask" by Paul Laurence Dunbar?
7. What is the implication of the statement, "I asked you not to bite anyone. But I didn't ask you not to hiss!"
8. Differentiate harsh words and sweet words as narrated by Thiruvalluvar in "The Pleasant Speech."

III. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (5 x 2 = 10)

Mariappa was a farmer. He worked from dawn to dusk in his field. Amidst the crops the field, a sparrow had built a nest. She roosted in the nest. She got two children. The little sparrows lived with their mother happily. Days passed by. And the harvesting season fast approached. The corns were ripe. And everywhere people started their harvests. The little sparrows said to their mother, "Mother! We will have to fly away". The mother sparrow replied, "Not so soon babies! The farmer is not ready". One day, they heard the farmer saying "I must call my neighbours and make them do the harvest." The little sparrows said, "Mother, tonight we shall fly away." The mother said, "Not so soon babies. The farmer won't make it." The words of the mother came true. The neighbours did not turn up the next day. The farmer was heard saying, "I will call my relatives and make them do the harvest". This time also the little ones wanted to fly away. But the mother asked them to relax. Once again, the words of the mother came true. Now, they heard the farmer saying "Tomorrow I will do the harvest myself. On hearing these words, the mother said, "Come my children. It is time for us to leave this field".

1. Where did the sparrows build the nest?
2. What did the farmer say on the first day?
3. What was the farmer's plan on the second day?

4. What is the moral of the story?
5. Give a suitable title for the story.

IV Observe the pictures given below and write down ten sentences: (10)



For Visually Challenged Students Only – Write an essay on the topic ‘Unity is Strength’.

V Grammar

Fill in the Blanks with suitable articles (a, an, the) in the following passage: (10)

I had most extraordinary experience with..... Hindu family who had eight children. A gentleman came to our house and said: Mother Teresa, there is family with eight children, they had not eaten for so long - do something. So I took some rice and I went there immediately. And I saw children - their eyes shining with hunger - I don't know if you have ever seen hunger. But I have seen it very often. And she took the rice, she divided rice, and she went out. When she came back I asked her - where did you go, what did you do? And she gave me very simple answer: They are hungry also. What struck me most was that she knew - and who are they, Muslim family - and she knew. I didn't bring more rice that evening because I wanted them to enjoy joy of sharing. But there were those children, radiating joy, sharing joy with their mother because she had love to give. And you see this is where love begins - at home.

Rewrite the sentences in Past Tense:

(10x1=10)

1. I sing a song.
2. He drinks tea in the evening.
3. They read the lessons in the morning.
4. Birds chirp on the trees.
5. John reaches home in time.
6. I am listening to the news.
7. You are washing your clothes.
8. She is riding on horse.
9. They are playing football.
10. It is raining cats and dogs.

VI Vocabulary

Frame sentences using the words given below:

(10 x 1 = 10)

1. beautifully
2. boldly
3. bravely
4. brightly
5. busily
6. calmly
7. carefully
8. cautiously
9. cheerfully
10. clearly

Fill in the blanks with the suitable words from the given list:

(10 x 1 = 10)

(barked, baa-baa, click, quack-quack, buzzing, clapped, crunchy, ding, dong, gushed, roar)

1. I purchased my mobile phone online with a..... of a mouse.
2.went the ducks
3. I could hear the bees.....
4. I love the texture of fresh vegetables.
5. cried the sheep
6. The lion let out a loud..... as the ringmaster cracked his whip.
7. We our hands in tune with the music.
8. The dog..... as the postman approached the gate.
9. There was someone at the door.
10. The water down the stream to the waterfall.
