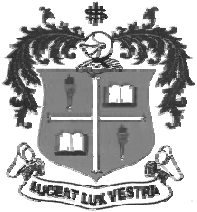


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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2013

EL 1055 - ENGLISH THROUGH INDIAN REFLECTIVE WRITINGS

Date : 08/11/2013

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 1:00 - 4:00

SECTION – A

I Answer any TEN of the following in about 50 words each:

(10x3=30)

1. What is the purpose of the lady's visit to the town in the story **Gifts**?
2. What is Ezekiel's attitude towards religion and dogma in the poem **In India**?
3. What is Gandhi's expectation of a woman?
4. What is a benefit dinner? What is the reason for the benefit dinner mentioned in the text?
5. Why is the hero of the story **Another Community** not given a name?
6. How does the post master drive away his loneliness in the village?
7. How is the tailor associated with Ved Mehta's family?
8. What did Gandhi do to steal his wife's heart?
9. How does the poet feel nostalgic about her native place in the poem **Hot Noon in Malabar**?
10. How does the girl in the kitchen react on hearing the sound of the airplane?
11. Comment on Ratan's affection for the post master.
12. What does the Arjun tree symbolize to Ketu and his friends?

SECTION – B

II Answer any FIVE of the following in about 100 words each:

(5x6=30)

13. Describe the life of the Tibetan refugees in Delhi.
14. Attempt a character sketch of the hero of the story **Another Community**.
15. Bring out the impact of Globalization on Indian agriculture and farming.
16. "Indias are endless." What kinds of India does Ved Mehta talk about in **Between the Two Worlds**?
17. Sketch the character of Chaya in **Water**.
18. Comment on the significant role played by Prince Abhijit in Mukta-Dhara.
19. Assess critically Ezekiel's views on the Indian urban culture.
20. Describe the treatment meted out to the national bird.

SECTION – C

III Answer the following in about 300 words each:

(3x10=30)

21. a) Describe the author's trip to Hardwar and explain how it has become an eye-opener to the author?
(OR)
b) Bring out Gandhi's views on women from his essay.
22. a) Discuss the conditions of working women in India.
(OR)
b) Why does the author call the benefit dinner as "commodification of one's own suffering"?

23. a) "The personality and teachings of Dhananjaya in **Mukta-dhara** are similar to those of Mahatma Gandhi." Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons.

(OR)

b) List down the causes for water scarcity and suggest means of procuring more water meeting the needs of Chennai population.

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

One could hardly say that Isaac Newton's road -----(1)----- eminence had been predestined. His birth was premature and it seemed -----2----- a time that he would not survive because -----3----- physical weakness. His father died three months before his birth. When Isaac was two years old, his mother remarried and he went to live -----4----- his aged grandmother on -----5----- farm at Woolstrophe. It was probably here, without normal family relationship with parents, brothers and sisters and away -----6----- other children, that he developed -----7----- power -----8----- meditation and thoughtful concentration. These powers later enabled him to analyse and develop solutions -----9----- problems that baffled other scientists for -----10----- while.
