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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2013

EL 1060/1064 - ENGLISH FOR EMPOWERMENT

Date : 06/11/2013

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 1:00 - 4:00

I Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

5x2=10

Poverty and tuberculosis drove a father to sell his five year old son in public auction at Illuppur bus stand in the neighbouring Pudukottai district a few days ago. 42 year old Ibrahim, a native of Periyar District, took his son Sultan to Illuppur bus stand and announced that his boy was for sale. A crowd collected and some persons began to bid. Kanniyammal , a widow offered the highest bid of Rs.225/- and purchased the boy. Beaming with joy, Kanniyammal took the boy with her. Ibrahim said that his wife had deserted him when his son was two years old. He was a chronic T.B. patient and he would not live long. He did not want his son to become an orphan. He thought somebody should bring up the boy properly after his lifetime and so he decided to sell the boy.

1. Why did Ibrahim sell his son?
2. When did Ibrahim's wife leave him?
3. Who bought Sultan? Why?
4. Give two remedies for poverty.
5. If you were in Ibrahim's place, how will you act?

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

5x4=20

1. What would you have done if you were in the father's place in 'Mysore Lake'?
2. Write down two occasions when you were appreciated by someone.
3. What were the different sorts of burden carried by the wanderer?
4. Why did the Mullah call his neighbour a magician?
5. Why did Narada doubt the farmer's devotion?
6. Why was the King angry with the vizier?
7. Why did the woman take her son to the wise Ali?

III Answer any TWO of the following in about 250 words each:

2x20=40

1. What are the responsibilities of a teacher?
2. Narrate a risk you have taken in your life.
3. 'Money is everything'. Do you agree? Explain with reasons.

IV Complete the story with following hints:

15 marks

Kumar – executive – leading firm – Chennai – transferred to North India. One day- Home for aged-Christian missionaries-brought Vellammal – 65 years- servant maid- orphan – no one to take care. Assured – money every month. Nun – questions about family- Vellammal – tears – Kumar – My only son.

V Answer Any ONE of the following in about 200 words:

1x15=15

1. Write a letter to your friend describing the accident at Mysore Lake.
2. Rewrite the story of 'The Date Eater' in your own words.
