

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIFTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2013

EL 5402 - COMMUNICATIVE GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

Date : 18/11/2013

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 9:00 - 12:00

- I. Write an essay on the following topic varying your sentences in different grammatical forms: (20 marks)

What reforms should the next government bring about for a new India?

- II. Write an imaginary interview (10 questions) with the HOD on your expectations on the need to improve co curricular and extra- curricular activities at the department level. (10 marks)
- III. Use the following words in a sentence as a noun/ gerund, adjective and verb:
a) book b) project c) sleeping d) singing e) work (10 marks)
- IV. Write an email to your friend or relative on **OVATIONS 2013** and a report on the same topic to a newspaper in formal writing. (20 marks)
- V. Write a dialogue between two friends on their college life in direct speech and convert them into indirect speech in a paragraph form. (10 marks)
- VI. Rewrite the following story into passive voice. (10 marks)

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university lecturer. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the lecturer went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups:

porcelain, plastic, glass, some plain-looking and some expensive and exquisite, telling them to help themselves to hot coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the lecturer said:

"If you noticed, all the nice-looking, expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones." "While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress"

What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the better cups and are eyeing each other's cups." "Now, if life is coffee, then the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, but the quality of Life doesn't change. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee in it"

So don't let the cups drive you... enjoy the coffee instead.

VII. Analyse ten common errors committed in the current Indian English in our day to day speech and give the correct forms of them too. **(20 marks)**
