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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2015

EL 1061 - ENGLISH FOR ESSENTIAL WRITING

Date : 13/11/2015
Time : 01:00-04:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

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

5x3= 15

Once, in a lovely garden, lived the most beautiful butterfly in the world. She was so pretty, and had won so many beauty contests, that she had become vain. So much so, that one day, the cheeky cockroach got fed up with her showing off, and decided to teach her a lesson.

She went to see the butterfly, and in front of everyone she told her that she wasn't really that beautiful, and that if the butterfly won contests it was because the jury had been bribed. In reality, the cockroach was the most beautiful. The butterfly was furious, and with laughter and disdain told the cockroach, "I'll beat you in a beauty contest, with whichever jury you yourself choose."

"OK, I accept. See you on Saturday," answered the cockroach, without waiting for a reply. That Saturday everyone went to the beauty contest, the butterfly arriving completely confident of victory until she saw who was on the jury panel: cockroaches, worms, beetles, and nits. All of the judges preferred the creepy-crawliness and bad smell of the cockroach, which easily won the contest. The butterfly was left sobbing and humiliated, wanting never to enter another beauty contest in her life. Fortunately, the cockroach forgave the butterfly for her vanity, and they became friends. Sometime later the butterfly even won the Humility Contest.

1. Where did the butterfly live? Why was she proud?
2. Who decided to teach her a lesson? Why?
3. What did the cockroach tell the butterfly?
4. Who were the jury in the beauty contest? Who won the contest?
5. What is the moral of the story? Give a suitable title to the story.

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

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A woman came with her little boy to the wise Ali and said, "My son is suffering from a serious problem. He eats dates from morning till night. If I don't give him any dates, he screams his head off. What shall I do? Please help me." The wise Ali looked at the child kindly and said to the woman, "My good woman, go home and come back at the same time tomorrow." The next day, the woman and her son again stood before Ali. The great master sat the boy on his lap, spoke to him in a friendly way and finally took the dates out of his hand as he said, "My son, think always of moderation. There are other things that taste good." With these words, he let the

mother and child go. The woman who was somewhat puzzled, asked "Great master, Why didn't you say that yesterday? Why did we have to make a long trip to you a second time?" "My good

lady," Ali answered, "Yesterday I couldn't have convincingly told your son what I told him today, because yesterday I myself had savored the sweetness of the dates."

1. Who came to the wise Ali? Why?
2. What did the wise Ali tell the woman?
3. What did the Ali tell the boy?
4. Why was the woman puzzled? What did she do?
5. Give a title for the passage. Give the meaning for the words a) savoured b) puzzled

III Answer any TWO of the following in about 200 words each: 2x10 = 20

1. How can education bring about a change in a village like Pudur?
2. Write five things you do to improve your language skills?
3. 'Failure is the stepping stone to success' Explain.

IV Answer any TWO of the following in about 250 words each: 2x15 = 30

1. What is the role of a teacher in our society? Explain.
2. Write a prayer for communal harmony in our country.
3. Explain the condition of women in India with relevant examples.

V Study the picture given below and relate it to any of the lessons you have studied in about TWENTY sentences. (20 marks)



For Visually challenged students only:

Write an essay on Violence against Women.
