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(For the candidates admitted from 2007 onwards)

U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2011.

First Year

Part II — English

ENGLISH - *HI*

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE of the following.

All questions carry equal marks.

(5 × 20 = 100)

Answer the following each in about 400 words.

1. Explain how the greedy Midas realized that the common things of life, which are within the reach of everyone, are more valuable than the riches.
2. How does The Tattered Blanket bring out the ingratitude and callousness of children to their aged parents?
3. How does John Masefield justify a happy, merry life?

4. Explain how Portia pays Shylock in his own coin after failing to make him see reason.
5. Sketch the character of Lalajee.
6. Answer any Two in about 200 words each.
- (a) Describe the artist's search for a model for Judas Iscariot.
- (b) What light does Incident of the French Camp throw on the characters of Napoleon and the brave boy?
- (c) Account for the strange behaviour of Schatz.
- (d) What do you understand of the mental state of the people of the Nazi Germany from The Informer?
7. Answer any Four in about 100 words each.
- (a) How did the prince establish the identity of Cinderella?
- (b) How did the child help the selfish giant to go to paradise?
- (c) Why did Matilda's aunt not take Matilda to the theatre?
- (d) Why is Lucy Gray called a living child?
- (e) How does Shylock defend his insistence on nothing but a pound of flesh?
- (f) Comment on the ending of The Eyes Are Not There.

8. (a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

There was once an honest gentleman who took for his second wife the proudest and most disagreeable lady in the whole country. She had two daughters exactly like herself. He himself had one little girl who resembled her dead mother, the best woman in all the world. Scarcely had the second marriage taken place, before the stepmother became jealous of the good qualities of the little girl who was so great a contrast to her own daughters. She gave her all the hard work of the house, compelling her to wash the floors and staircase, and to dust the bedrooms. While her sisters occupied carpeted chambers hung with mirrors, where they could see themselves from head to foot, the poor little girl was sent to sleep in an attic, on an old mattress straw, with only one chair and not a looking glass in the room.

- (i) What kind of woman was the honest man's dead wife?
- (ii) What mistake did the honest gentleman commit?
- (iii) Why did the step mother become jealous of the little girl?
- (iv) How did the step mother punish the little girl?
- (v) Compare the place where the two daughters slept with the place where the little girl slept.

(b) Expand the following into paragraph.

An eccentric rich man – wants to find out the laziest man in the town – walks the streets – everybody busy – three beggars- lying in the sun – shows a gold piece – it is for the laziest two jump up each claims – the third not even claims – too lazy even to claim the laziest man

(c) Answer the following in sentences of your own.

- (i) When do you get up in the morning?
 - (ii) What are they doing now?
 - (iii) Have you submitted the assignment?
 - (iv) How long-have they been waiting for me?
 - (v) How does she drive?
- (d) Rewrite as directed.
- (i) She is cooking dinner for us
(change the voice)
 - (ii) She did not attend the interview
(Add a question tag)
 - (iii) She said, " Why do you look so sad? Be cheerful" (Change into reported speech)
 - (iv) You are prohibited from smoking here.
(Rewrite using an appropriate modal)
 - (v) To waste your money is foolish
(Rewrite with the introductory 'It').

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Second Year

Part II — English

ENGLISH — II

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Answer the following each in about 400 words.

(5 × 2 = 100)

1. How does Abdul Kalam show that though the small society of Rameswaram was highly stratified, the Muslims and the Hindus lived in mutual co existence?
2. According to Philip Larkin what do we wait for? What are we sure to get?
3. Explain how Baron Hausberg became first a millionaire model and then a model millionaire.

4. How did Wasekropf plan to get a refund? How was he thwarted by the masters?
5. How did Antony turn the fickle Roman mob against the honourable Brutus?
6. Answer any TWO in about 200 words each.
- (a) Why does Narayan claim that headache is essential for maintaining human relationship in working order?
 - (b) Why is the mirror important to the woman? Why is she disappointed with the mirror?
 - (c) Why was the Christmas gift of Jim useless to Della at least for some months?
 - (d) Why did Brutus claim to have killed Julius Caesar?
7. Answer any FOUR in about 100 words each.
- (a) Why does Russell Consider fear as a major source of error?
 - (b) How does Shelley use the dilapidated statue of Ozymandius to bring out the transience of human achievements.
 - (c) Why does Okeke think that marriage is not a private affair?
 - (d) Comment on the title The Nest Never Nest.
 - (e) What is the complaint of the pensioner?
 - (f) Explain why Amitav Ghosh does not mention the name of the Director.

8. (a) Expand the following into a paragraph

An English sailor becomes a prisoner of war in Germany - war ends - he is released - reaches home - London - walks the streets one evening - comes across a bird seller - selling birds - birds in cages - buys all cages - opens them - sets all the birds free - Why?

(b) You do not have sufficient attendance to appear for the university examination. Write a letter to the Principal explaining the reason for poor attendance and requesting him to permit you to appear for the examination.

(c) Expand the following :

True winners are those who have learned how to lose

(d) Attempt a brief summary of the following passage.

Where there's a will there's a way' is an old saying. He who resolves upon doing a thing, by that very resolution overcomes the obstacles to it, and half secures its achievement. It is so in all the occupations of life, at school, at college, or in the world. To determine to succeed is the surest way to success. Difficulties disappear before an unswerving resolution. This was well exemplified in the life of Napoleon. He threw his whole force of body and mind upon his

work. He was told that Alps stood in the way of his armies. 'There shall be no Alps', he said and a road was made across them over heights previously considered inaccessible. 'Impossible' he said, 'is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools'. And so it is; a determination not to give in is the surest condition of success in any undertaking. But the young student must guard himself against the errors of mistaking a mere undisciplined energy and self-will for the needful firmness and self - command on which success depends.
