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Q.P. Code : [DE 107/DE 1 C 07]

(For the candidates admitted from 2007 onwards)

U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2014.

First Year

Part II — English

ENGLISH — I

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Answer the following each in about 400 words.

(5 × 20 = 100)

1. How did Corbett help Lalajee? How did Lalajee repay the kindness of Corbett?
2. How did Portia turn the table against Shylock?
3. How did Cinderella's God Mother help her to get married to the prince?
4. Comment on the ungrateful attitude of Gopi.

5. Write about the misconception which Schatz had about the body temperature and how his father helped to get over his worry?

6. Answer any TWO in about 200 words each :

- (a) How did the search of the Artist for a model for Judas end?
- (b) What was Matilda's infirmity and how did she pay for her infirmity?
- (c) Briefly tell the sad story of Lucy Gray.
- (d) What is the message of the poem 'Laugh and Be Merry'?

7. Answer any FOUR in about 100 words each :

- (a) Explain the Giant's encounter with his pet child in his old age. Explain its symbolic significance.
- (b) Write a note on the bravery of the boy in Incident of the French Camp.
- (c) What do you think about the strange behaviour of Schatz?
- (d) Why did Midas want to get rid of his Midas touch?
- (e) Why does Masefield want all of us to laugh and be marry?
- (f) Bring out the significance of the Trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice".

8. (a) Develop a story from the hints given below.

An astrologer to a king – predicted – unpleasant happenings to the king – king resolved to kill the astrologer --- the king asked the soldiers to kill him – astrologer was calm – king asked – do you know your fate?... astrologer – presence of mind – said – “I will die three days before your Majesty”, “king took care to protect the astrologer”.

(b) Draft a conversation between two friends, one emphasizing the importance of good English Communication skills and the other wondering why so much stress is being given to English in Tamil Nadu.

(c) Rewrite as directed :

(i) He gave her a nice present

(change into passive)

(ii) It was then raining heavily

(Add a question tag)

(iii) They were glad to hear the news

(Change into an Interrogative sentence beginning with 'What')

(iv) The day has been very hot

(As an exclamatory sentence)

- (v) He came late to the meeting
(As a negative sentence without
changing the meaning)
- (vi) He declined the offer
(Give the antonym for the word
underlined)
- (vii) How did you miss the opportunity?
(Give the antonym for the word
underlined)
- (viii) He comes _____ morning,
knocs at _____ door and gives
us _____ letters.

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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2014.

Second Year

Part II — English

ENGLISH — II

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE of the following.

All questions carry equal marks.

Answer the following each in about 400 each.

(5 × 20 = 100)

1. What picture of the life at Rameswaram do you get from Abdul Kalam's evocative account of his early days at Rameswaram?
2. Describe the devastation suffered by the Director and his most singular and most powerful defence of it.
3. How does Shelley bring out the transcendence of human glory and the relative permanence of art?

4. Narrate how Bigger exploited the weaknesses of the Lord of the Manor and the painter and made a tidy profit.

5. How did Antony play with the emotions of the temperamental Roman mob and turn them against the killers of Julius Caesar?

6. Answer any Two in about 200 words each

(a) Why, according to Narayan, cannot we do without headache either at home or in public?

(b) Examine how Larkins uses ship as a potential symbol in Next Please?

(c) Bring out the silent epic of the youthful devotion of Jacopo and Nicola

(d) How did Wassekopf plan to get a refund of his tuition fees fail?

7. Answer any Four in about 100 words each

(a) How did Nene change the mind of Okeke?

(b) How do the palanquin bearers convey through similes the care with which they carry the palanquin?

(c) Why would the Christmas gifts of Della and Jim to each other not be of use to them at least for some time?

(d) Why did Aunt Jane wonder whether she gave a thousand pounds as a marriage gift to Jack and Jill?

(e) Why did Brutus claim to have killed Caesar?

(f) Briefly describe Hughie's encounter with the beggar model in Trevor's studio.

8. (a) Use the following in sentences of your own

Take off All and sundry Put together
Down to earth Get through

(b) History repeats itself - Expand in about 100 words

(c) Your department is going to conduct an intercollegiate cultural festival. It will be a two day affair. It is open only to students of your department. Registration forms are to be sent a week before the commencement of the festival. Draft an invitation letter to be sent to the colleges in the city

(d) Rewrite as directed

(i) improve your English as soon as possible or leave the job (Rewrite the sentence using an If clause)

(ii) I studied there for a short time (Change into negative retaining the meaning)

(iii) My brother _____ (earn) a lot of money now but he _____ (spend) everything (Fill in the blank with the suitable form of the verb given in brackets)

(iv) It is not because of his merit that he got the job (Change into a simple sentence)

(v) We took up the job with enthusiasm (Rewrite the sentence using the adverbial form of the underlined word).
