

**2020****ELECTIVE ENGLISH***Full Marks : 100**Time : 3 hours**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions**General Instructions:*

- (i) Write all the answers in the Answer Script.
- (ii) Attempt Part–A Objective Questions serially.
- (iii) Attempt all parts of a question together at one place.

( PART : A–OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 50 )

- 1.** State whether the following statements are *True* or *False* : 1 x 6 = 6
- (a) Mr. Medbourne, in the vigour of his age, had been a prosperous merchant.
  - (b) Dr. Heidegger's eccentricities had become the nucleus for a thousand fantastic stories.

- (c) Della's beautiful hair resembled a cascade of brown waters.
- (d) The ghost that got into James Thurber's house caused the mother to throw a handkerchief to the house next door.
- (e) Miss Violet Dixon was a plain snubnosed Scottish typist.
- (f) Srijut Sharma had been employed twenty years ago as a special favour.

- 2.** Name the speaker and person(s) spoken to. 1 x 6 = 6

- (a) "I'll get a shot for sartain afore dark".
- (b) "Why, souls-'twas the man in the chimney-corner'.
- (c) "I have seen some rough times lately, and have been forced to pick up what I get.....".
- (d) "A live King is a menace to any Republic".
- (e) "They loved each other so dearly, and they have not been married a year".
- (f) "You have deceived me—cheated me".

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3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in the brackets.  $1 \times 8 = 8$

- (a) With palsied hands, they raised the \_\_\_\_\_ to their lips. (vase/glasses/potion)
- (b) The precious \_\_\_\_\_ of youth flowed in a bright stream across the floor. (magic/liquid/water)
- (c) She had been saving every \_\_\_\_\_ she could for months. (paise/penny/earning)
- (d) It was a \_\_\_\_\_ fob simple chain and chaste in design. (gold/platinum/silver)
- (e) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the doors had aroused Mother. (banging/slamming/knocking)
- (f) The night had been distinctly a \_\_\_\_\_ for them. (Victory/Defeat/Valour)
- (g) Srijut Sharma stared at her \_\_\_\_\_. (openly/blankly/fearfully)
- (h) "A gold watch, with an \_\_\_\_\_ on it". (writing/carving/inscription)

4. Answer *any ten* of the following questions in 2/3 sentences each:  $3 \times 10 = 30$

- (a) Name the four melancholy old creatures who were invited by Dr. Heidegger.

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- (b) What happened when Dr. Heidegger threw the faded rose into the water?
- (c) What does Della do to get more money to buy a Christmas gift for her husband?
- (d) Who were the Magi?
- (e) What began at about a quarter past One O'clock in the morning at the narrator's residence?
- (f) What was so intriguing about that smile on Mr. Acton's face?
- (g) What put Cobleigh in a 'towering rage'?
- (h) What crime did Joseph Sommers commit?
- (i) How did the Brunfels explain their stand on conspiring against the King?
- (j) Briefly account for the Duke's refusal to fight D'Aulnay.

( PART : B-DESCRIPTIVE )

( Marks : 50 )

5. Answer any two of the following:  $2 \times 9 = 18$

- (a) Who are the characters of Dr. Heidegger's Experiment? What was the immediate effect of the drugs on them?  $5 + 4 = 9$

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(b) What were the two possessions of the James Dillingham Youngs? Bring out the element of surprise in connection with the possessions they took a mighty pride in.  $3 + 6 = 9$

(c) What events create panic in the Thurber household? Support your answer with special reference to the details given in the text. 9

(d) Give a character sketch of Srijut Sudershan Sharma. 9

6. Answer *any two* of the following:  $2 \times 9 = 18$

(a) What is the theme of the story “The Three Wayfarers” by Thomas Hardy? 9

(b) Is Harry Hawke a sympathetic character? Support your answer with evidences from the text. 9

(c) How did King Konrad conduct himself at the Brunfel’s? How did he eventually win over the Conspirators?  $5 + 4 = 9$

(d) How did D’Aulnay and Clarice plan to avenge the Duke ‘that is almost satisfying’ in the play “Comedy and Tragedy”? 9

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7. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics (200-250 words)  $1 \times 8 = 8$

(a) Environment Pollution

(b) Simple Living High Thinking

(c) Success begins in the mind.

8. Procrastination is the thief of time. Write an article to focus on the menaces of delaying things. (100-125 words) 6

Or

Write a report on the impact of internet on young uninformed minds to be published in a local daily. 6

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