

2019

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) On Christmas day, with only \$1.87 in hand and desperate to find a gift for Jim, Della sells her hair for \$20 to a nearby hairdresser.
 - (b) Above half a century ago, Dr. Heidegger had been on the point of marriage with Sylvia Ward.

- (c) Dr. Heidegger refused to dance because he was old and rheumatic.
- (d) Grandfather slept upstairs in the attic, in the old walnut bed.
- (e) Mr. Sharma's brother still ran the confectioner's shop on the Mall Road.
- (f) The Queen of Sheba was the famous queen of Coney Island.

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

- (a) "I heard a noise in the garden".
- (b) "I need no protector. Trust me, I can protect myself"!
- (c) "For God's sake attract the King's attention! The Baron will ruin us".
- (d) "I always carry my own halter with me— the new ones they make for ye won't draw tight under the ear like an old one".
- (e) "Don't you let 'em put me on the north side o' the tower, where the moles work the ground".
- (f) "You damned scoundrel, I'll have the law of you for this, if it costs me all my savings".

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

- (a) The source of the Fountain of Youth is shadowed by several gigantic_____.
(magnolias/roses/violets)
- (b) The fact that Acton Sahib had smiled was enough to give Srijut Sharma cause for _____.
(thought/wonder/worry)
- (c) Out of his _____ Jim seemed quickly to wake and he enfolded his Della.
(trance/dream/daze)
- (d) It was now about _____ o'clock of a moonless night.
(two/three/four)
- (e) He swore he seed you coming out of the _____.
(hanging woods/Forest/Park)
- (f) I must beg for a few minutes' shelter, comrades, or I shall be wetted to the skin before I reach _____.
(Wessex/Casterbridge/Shottsford)
- (g) The _____but speaks his mind freely.
(Baron/Gentleman/Count)

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- (h) We are here to _____ ourselves, and Clarice excels in comedy. (amuse/entertain/delight)

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

- (a) Who is Baron Brunfels?
- (b) Why was king Konrad branded a 'traitor' by Brunfels?
- (c) Describe Harry Hawke's 'proper dream'.
- (d) How did Harry involve his wife Milly in his revenge plans against Cobleigh?
- (e) Who was condemned for sheepstealing? Who was sent to punish him? $2 + 1 = 3$
- (f) Why did Clarice and D'Aulnay set a trap for the Duc D'Orleans?
- (g) How are actors treated in Paris?
- (h) Why did grandfather shoot the policeman?
- (i) What was mother's idea for calling the police?

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- (j) Why was Sudershan Sharma's gold watch a useless gift?
- (k) What was the 'greatest curiosity' of Dr. Heidegger's study according to the narrator?
- (l) What did Jim Dillingham bring out from his overcoat pocket?
- (m) How did the Magi celebrate their Christmas?

(PART : B-DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

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

- (a) How does Nathaniel Hawthorne bring out the theme of foolishness of humanity in his story "Dr. Heidegger's Experiment"?
- (b) Explain why O'Henry calls Jim and Della both wise and unwise in his story "The Gift of the Magi".
- (c) Describe the plight of the Indian clerk, Mr. Sharma, in a British firm in Mulk Raj Anand's 'The Gold Watch'.

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- (d) Comment on the unexpected twist at the end of "The Night the Ghost Got In".

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

- (a) Who were the three Wayfarers who turned up at the Shepherd's and his wife's baby christening party?
- (b) How did King Konrad of Polavia win back the love and confidence of his men?
- (c) Describe the relationship between Harry Hawke and Elias Cobleigh.
- (d) Why did Clarice throw a supper party for the 'roués of the Palais-Royal'? How did she and D'Aulnay accomplish their mission? Who is made 'an innocent accomplice' at the party? $3 + 3 + 3 = 9$

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

- (a) My Favourite Author
- (b) The Problem of Unemployment
- (c) The Technology which Changed My Life.

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8. Television is one of the most important inventions of the twentieth century.
Write an article to focus on its utility as well as its bad effects. (100-125 words) 6

Or

You have received training in First Aid as a member of the Red Cross Society. Write a report to be published in your school magazine about your training. 6

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