

2023**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) The fair widow knew that Mr. Medbourne's compliments were not always measured by sober truth.
 - (b) The last paragraph of O'Henry's short story compares Jim and Della to King Solomon and Queen Sheba

- (c) Della spent two hours looking for a perfect gift for Jim.
- (d) James Thurber's "The Night the Ghost Got In" is a ghost-story charged with humour and suspense.
- (e) Mr. Acton's wife left him after a three-month spell of marriage.
- (f) Mr. Sharma had been employed fifty years ago as a special favour.

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

- (a) I don't want to say harsh words in your dying ears.
- (b) I have seen some rough times lately and have been forced to pick up what I could get in the way of wearing but I must find a suit better fitted for working days when I get home.
- (c) The man who begins a game must play it to the end, even though he finds luck running against him.
- (d) I have this to say that whatever befalls this assemblage, you, at least, shall not live to boast of it.
- (e) Her husband—Monsieur d'Aulnay—where is he?
- (f) But I'm sure I gave him every chance. I bore with him for a year.

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

- (a) He shook off the few drops of _____ which clung to its petals. (moisture/water/dew)
- (b) There was a _____ between the windows of the room. (stain-glass/looking-glass/pier-glass)
- (c) 'That was grandfather. He thinks you're _____. (robbers/cops/deserters)
- (d) Srijut Sharma found that the gold watch went only when it was _____. (dropped/shaken/wound)
- (e) 'Tis Elias Cobleigh's famous _____ worth five pounds and more. (pigeon/bird/carrier)
- (f) Beside my fee, his clothes will fetch me a _____ or two. (guinea/penny/pound)
- (g) The _____ of your former Chancellor annoys me therefore I will gladly take his place. (whimpering/whining/crying)
- (h) Poor D'Aulnay. They say he is at _____. (Paris/Marseilles/New Orleans)

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

- (a) Why did Della quickly change from being joyous to crying hysterically when she tore at the string and paper?
- (b) Describe James Dillingham Young in a few words.
- (c) How did the Bodwells react when a shoe was thrown into their house?
- (d) Write a note on Mr. Acton.
- (e) Who is made an 'innocent accomplice' at Clarice's party?
- (f) Who was Sylvia Ward? How did she die?
- (g) Who visited the sickly Harry Hawke? What did the well-wishers bring?
- (h) What sacrifices did D'Aulnay make to show his devotion to Clarice?
- (i) Who is Baron Brunfels?
- (j) Why did the Hangman go to Casterbridge?
- (k) What crime did Joseph Sommers commit?
- (l) How are actors treated in Paris?
- (m) What impressions have you formed of Mrs. Sharma?

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(PART : B-DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

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

- (a) What did Dr. Heidegger's Experiment prove about human nature?
- (b) Describe the funny incident that caused chaos in the narrator's household. Support your answer with references from the text.
- (c) What/Who is the cause of Sudershan Sharma's anxiety? How did it affect his weekend? What happened to him on Monday morning? $4 + 2 + 3 = 9$
- (d) 'Dell', said he, 'let's put our Christmas presents away and keep 'em awhile. They're too nice to use just at present.
What made Jim say these words to Della?

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

- (a) Bring out the significance of the title "The Carrier Pigeon".
- (b) Give a detailed character sketch of the second wayfarer in Thomas Hardy's play.
- (c) What were the reasons that led Clarice and D'Aulnay trap the Duc d 'Orleans? Did things go as planned or even better?

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- (d) Show how the intervention of King Konrad turned things around for the ten conspirators.

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

- (a) Global Warming
- (b) Effects of social media on youth.
- (c) Voting is our civic responsibility.

8. Write a short article (100-125 words) on 'A terrifying future world without water'. 6

Or

Write a report for your school magazine on the 'No Tobacco' campaign organised by your institution in the academic session 2022-2023. (100-125 words) 6

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