

**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH**

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2010

**EL 1055 / 1058 - ENGLISH THROUGH INDIAN REFLECTIVE WRITINGS**

Date & Time: 03/05/2010 / 9:00 - 12:00 Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**SECTION – A**

**I Answer any TEN of the following in about 50 words each: (10 x 3 = 30)**

1. What is the tailor's opinion about young servants?
2. Consider Arjun tree as a symbol.
3. How does the post master drive away his loneliness in the village?
4. What did Gandhi do to steal his wife's heart?
5. What is Gandhi's expectation of a woman?
6. What is the context for the benefit dinner mentioned in the text?
7. Comment on the social background against which the story **Another Community** is set.
8. What is the purpose of the lady's visit to the town in **Gifts**?
9. Explain 'Superweeds'.
10. Comment on Ratan's affection for the post master.
11. Bring out the significance of the Kitchen in the Indian context.
12. How is man's life different from that of Nature's? Explain.

**SECTION – B**

**II Answer any FIVE of the following in about 100 words each: (5 x 6 = 30)**

13. Why does the author say that the Tibetans have a talent for survival?  
Give reasons.
14. Describe the treatment meted out to the national bird.
15. How did Ratan take care of the postmaster when he fell ill?
16. How does the poet feel nostalgic about her native place in the poem **Hot Noon in Malabar**?
17. Assess critically Ezekiel's views on the Indian urban culture.
18. "Indias are endless." What kinds of India does Ved Mehta talk about in **Between the Two Worlds**?
19. Bring out the impact of Globalization on Indian agriculture and farming.
20. Describe the life of the Tibetan refugees in Delhi.

## SECTION – C

**III Answer the following in about 300 words each: (3 x 10 = 30)**

21. a) How did the fears of the hero in **Another Community** come true? Discuss.  
(OR)  
b) What are Gandhi's views on women? Do you agree with them? Give reasons.
22. a) Write an essay on the problems of women in India.  
(OR)  
b) What are the author's opinions about the benefit dinner? Discuss.
23. a) Write a character sketch of Prince Abhijit.  
(OR)  
b) How can the problem of water scarcity in Chennai be solved? Discuss.

**IV 24. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable articles and prepositions.**

**(10x1=10)**

I saw the priest of -----1---- local temple and managed to gain his sympathy. He offered me -----2----- services -----3----- his temple elephant. I also engaged fifty coolies to push the engine -----4----- behind. You may be sure this drained all my resources. The coolies wanted eight annas per head, and -----5---- temple elephant cost me seven rupees -----6----- day and I had to give it one feed. My plan was to take the engine out ----7----- the Gymkhana and then ----8----- the road to a field half -----9----- furlong off. The field was owned -----10----- a friend.

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