



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2015

EL 2061 - ENGLISH THROUGH SHORT STORIES

Date : 22/04/2015

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 01:00-04:00

I. Answer any TEN of the following questions in about 75 words each:

(10X3=30)

1. What is the theme of the short story *The Squirrel*?
2. Explain “It was perfectly safe anywhere,” with reference to the lesson *Engine Trouble*.
3. What effect did the vitamins and tonics have on Rakesh’s father?
4. Why does Jimmy decide to leave immediately after freeing Agatha?
5. What was the conjurer’s Japanese trick?
6. What were the consequences awaiting the talkative man after his release from the lock up?
7. How did Esed show his gratitude towards Mulla?
8. Why does the physician cite the example of the Chinese patient?
9. How does Tom grow to be a rich fellow?
10. When is Schatz’s internal conflict resolved?
11. What are the circumstances and evidences that substantiated the suspicion of Aksionov as the culprit?
12. Why does the Happy Prince weep?

II. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 200 words each:

(10X4=40)

13. What are the consequences awaiting the Talkative Man after his release from the lock-up?
14. Compare and Contrast Jimmy Valentine and Ralph D. Spencer.
15. How did the Conjurer take revenge on the Quickman?
16. Consider the characters of George Ramsay and Tom Ramsay as a study in contrast.
17. How is the title “A Day’s Wait” appropriate?
18. Highlight Aksionov’s influence in Semyonich’s change of heart and confession.
19. How did Rakesh serve his father during illness? And what was it that did not gratify the old man?

III. Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 400 words each:

(15X2=30)

20. a) Portrayal of Humour in “Engine Trouble” including the responsibilities that awaited for the talkative man from prison.
(OR)
b) How far Rakesh was a devoted son?
21. a) Suggest measure to enhance the image of doctor’s profession from the corrupt practices of them.
(OR)
b) Put forth the circumstances that led to the loss of Aksionov’s life citing one such incident you came across in your life.
