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

**FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2019**

**16/17UEL4GE11– ENGLISH FOR LIFE SKILLS**

Date: 12-04-2019    Dept. No.    Max. : 100 Marks  
Time: 09:00-12:00

**PART – A [Reading Comprehension]**

**I Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : ( 5x2=10)**

Learning the Trade - Anthony de Mello

Noticing that his father was growing old, the son of a burglar said, Father, teach me your trade so that when you retire I may carry on the family tradition.

The father did not reply but that night he took the boy along with him to break into a house. Once inside, he opened a closet and asked his son to find out what was inside. No sooner had the boy stepped in than the father slammed the door shut and bolted it, making such a noise in the process that the whole house was awakened. Then he himself slipped away quietly

Inside the closet the boy was terrified, angry, and puzzled as to how he was going to make his escape. Then an idea came to him. He began to make a noise like a cat: whereupon a servant lit a candle and opened the closet to let the cat out. The boy jumped out as soon as the closet door opened and everyone gave chase. Observing a well beside the road, he threw a large stone into it and hid in the shadows: then he stole away while his pursuers peered into the depths, hoping to see the burglar drown. Back home again the boy forgot his anger in his eagerness to tell his story. But his father said, why tell me the tale? You are here. That is enough. You have learned the trade.

Answer the following questions:

1. What did the son ask his father?
2. Where did the father take his son?
3. How did the boy escape from the closet?
4. Why did the boy throw a large stone into the well?

5. Frame sentences using the following words: a) stole                      b) learned

## PART – B

### II. Answer any SIX of the following questions in not more than 150 words: (6 × 5 = 30)

1. Where did the boy find the treasure? What were the objects in the treasure chest?
2. What gift did Divea give the author? Explain its importance.
3. How does the story of the ant teach us 'I CAN' ?
4. Narrate the story of the Balloon seller.
5. One's happiness in life depends on one's attitude? Why?
6. Why is it important to appreciate others? How did you feel when someone praised you? Give examples from your own life.
7. What is pain and happiness according to you? What does Kahlil Gibran's poem teach you about "Pain"?
8. Explain P/PC Balance.
9. Mention any four important "Life Skills" that you have learnt from this course. Explain them.
10. What are the two different paths you can choose after graduating? Which path would you like to choose?

### III. Answer the following questions in not more than 350 words:(2 × 10 = 20)

11.A) Explain the success principles of ants and other living organisms which motivate mankind.

[OR]

B) How does the story of the balloon seller preach the importance of positive attitude in life?

12.A) Describe a real life situation that made you realize the true value of time.

[OR]

B) Write about a friend who made a big impact in your life and also describe the qualities of your friend.

## PART – C [GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY]

### 13. Match the following words with their correct meanings: (10 × 1 = 10)

- a. Knapsack
- b. Peaceful
- c. Schedule
- d. Upset
- e. Miniature
- f. Lexicon
- g. Welfare
- h. Fortune
- i. Fabulous

j. Determine

Very Small

Very good

A plan of things that will be done

Unhappy or worried

To learn or find out something by getting information

Being quiet and calm

Being happy, healthy and successful

A lucky moment

A canvas or Nylon bag

Dictionary

14. Choose the correct preposition and fill the blank:

(5 × 1 = 5)

[in, behind, over, under, on]

Picture Question 1:



The rat is \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

Picture Question 2:



A bird is flying \_\_\_\_\_ the sky.

Picture Question 3:



A sheep is jumping \_\_\_\_\_ the fence.

Picture Question 4:



The small boy is standing \_\_\_\_\_ the chair.

Picture Question 5:



Many books are \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

15. Convert the following sentences to W/H questions:

(5 × 1 = 5)

- a. Michael works in the college.
- b. Keerthi has started a company.
- c. Dhayanithi has a Lamborghini.
- d. Suleiman studied in a famous School.
- e. I do not like milkshake.

**PART – D [Sentence Construction & Paragraph Writing]**

**I. Choose a topic and write a paragraph on any one of the following: 1 × 10 = 10**

- 16. Positive attitude
- 17. Importance of Time

**II. Write any TEN sentences about the picture given below: 1 × 10 = 10**



**(For Visually Challenged students only)**

Write an essay on positive thinking.

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