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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2013

EL 1050 - GENERAL ENGLISH - I

(12 & 13 BATCHS ONLY)

Date : 05/11/2013

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 1:00 - 4:00

I. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 100 words each:

(5X4=20)

1. What did Martin Luther King fight against?
2. What were the circumstances that made the postmaster leave the job?
3. What is the advantage of learning to speak English fluently?
4. What are the different warnings given by the birds?
5. What is your opinion about Swami's teachers?
6. Describe the strange incident that took place in the night when McLeod and the narrator slept in the dormitory.
7. Why does the Defence Code object to taking pets into the shelters?
8. What are the rights of the speaker and the need of the tramps?

II. Answer any THREE of the following in about 150 – 200 words each:

(3X10=30)

9. Comment on Ratan's affection for the postmaster.
10. Comment on the mother's emotional bonding with the trees.
11. Identify a few statements of Jo Goodwin Parker on Poverty and elaborate them.
12. Write a note on Swami and his friends.
13. Is Mme. X or Mlle. Y strong? Substantiate your view.

III. Reading the following passage and answer the questions that follow it.

(5X2=10)

Once there lived a village farmer who had a very smart son. The family paddy field was located on a gentle slope of a hill and at the edge of a jungle. A hill stream in the jungle flowed close to the edge of the field. This stream, however, was usually dry during the winter months. Water could only be found in a few small pockets of rocks that lay scattered along the bed of the stream. The father and son went to their fields each day to work while the mother stayed home to look after the house. The father worked long hours and would send his son to the stream to draw water. The boy often lingered a long time on his trips and would return to the house with his bamboo vessels only at the end of the day. In the course of his trips the boy loved to wander in the jungle. He found many birds there and he loved to listen to their cries. He grew to understand the birds' language and he took a great interest in listening to their conversations. He heard that birds discuss their daily needs, the way that humans mistreated them, and learned how they constructed their nests and shelters. But the most important topic that the birds discussed was the weather. They were always concerned about the weather and the boy found that his friends were experts in forecasting what was in store.

14. Where was the farmer's paddy field?
15. Name the four seasons of the year?
16. Why did the father send the son from the field?
17. What is the important topic that the birds discussed?
18. What is the message of "The Boy Who Could Speak with Birds"?

IV. Attempt the following in about 250-300 words.

(2X15=30)

19. Draft a speech on the topic, 'I have a dream for India...'

(OR)

Write a poem (about 14 lines) or a short story on the theme 'Save Trees, Save the Planet'.

20. Write an imaginary conversation between Obama and Martin Luther King.

(OR)

Is Indian English "correct English"? Justify your opinion with examples.

V. Do as directed for the following:

(10X1=10)

21. Choose the right option

a). His behavior was(polite/ politely)

b).My father has been the president of the club since the day of its.....(inspection/inception)

22. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

a). My parents were delighted.....my getting a first class in English.

b). Skill comes.....experience.

23. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles

.....group of students going on.....excursion got accommodation in.....train at.....last minute.

24. Add a question tag.

a). Let's go out to play.....?

b).You study in a college.....?

25. Correct the sentence.

I met the concerned clerk.

26. Frame a question for the statement.

You are angry with me.

27. Change into complex sentence.

The principal was too busy to listen to my request.

28. Fill in the blanks with suitable tense form.

An hour's walk a day(keep) the doctor away.

29. Write Two Sentences in Future tense using the following words.

a) Dictionary

b) Computer

30. Give the meaning of the following words and use them in your own sentence.

a) predetermine b) sweltering.
