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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2013

EL 1061/1065 - ENGLISH FOR ESSENTIAL WRITING

Date : 08/11/2013

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 1:00 - 4:00

I Read the passage and answer the questions given below:

5x3=15

There once was a farmer who discovered that he had lost his watch in the barn. It was no ordinary watch because it had sentimental value for him. After searching high and low among the hay for a long while; he gave up and enlisted the help of a group of children playing outside the barn. He promised them that the person who found it would be rewarded. Hearing this, the children hurried inside the barn, went through and around the entire stack of hay but still could not find the watch.

Just when the farmer was about to give up looking for his watch, a little boy went up to him and asked to be given another chance. The farmer looked at him and thought, "Why not? After all, this kid looks sincere enough." So the farmer sent the little boy back in the barn.

After a while the little boy came out with the watch in his hand! The farmer was both happy and surprised and so he asked the boy how he succeeded where the rest had failed. The boy replied, "I did nothing but sit on the ground and listen. In the silence, I heard the ticking of the watch and just looked for it in that direction.

A peaceful mind can think better than a worked up mind. Allow a few minutes of silence to your mind every day, and see, how sharply it helps you to set your life the way you expect it to be!

1. What did the farmer lose? Where?
2. Who did the farmer approach for help? Why?
3. What did the children do?
4. What did the little boy tell the farmer?
5. What is the moral of the story?

II Read the passage and answer the questions given below:

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A woman came out of her house and saw 3 old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said, "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat." "Is the man of the house home?", they asked. "No", she said. "He's out." "Then we cannot come in", they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened. "Go tell them I am home and invite them in!" The woman went out and invited the men in. "We do not go into a House together," they replied. "Why is that?" she wanted to know. One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!"; he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!" His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?" Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!" "Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest." The woman went out and asked the 3 old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest." Love got up and started walking toward the house.

The other 2 also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success: “I only invited Love, Why are you coming in?”

The old men replied together: “If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would’ve stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!”

1. What did the woman see one day? What did she do?
2. What did the strangers tell her when she asked them to eat?
3. Who were the three old men and what did they tell the woman?
4. What was the daughter in law’s suggestion?
5. Which is more important according to you – love, wealth or success? Why?

III Answer any TWO of the following in about 200 words each :

2x15=30

1. ‘Failure is the stepping stone to success’. Explain this with an incident from your life.
2. What is your ambition in life?
3. Write about the different discriminations you see in the Indian society.

IV Answer the following :

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- a. Fill in the blanks with articles (3)
____ woman came with her little boy to ____ wise Ali and said, “ My son is suffering from ____ serious problem. Please help me.
- b. Use the following in sentences of your own (4)
1. Kind 2. Success 3. However 4. But
- c. Write words to substitute the following expressions (4)
1. A thing presented
2. One who provides transport by boat
3. Wicked person
4. One who runs a business

V Imagine you are meeting your childhood friend after many years. Write a conversation describing the changes that have taken place in your town / city .

(15)

VI Write In about 150 words describing the picture and relating it to the text

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For Visually Challenged Students only (10)

Write About the status of women in India in about 150 words
