

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

U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2010

**EL 2053 - ENGLISH THROUGH CONTEMPORARY IDEAS**

Date & Time: 15/04/2010 / 1:00 - 4:00 Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**SECTION – A**

Answer the following in about 200 words each (4x10=40 marks)

1. Do you agree that Mandayan is “Responsibility and Fatherhood” personified? – Substantiate

or

Show how suppression is depicted by Urmila Pawar in “*A Childhood Tale*”

2.) Bishen Singh’s Love for Toba Tek Singh is the height of insanity’ – Elucidate

or

What are your personal reflections on “*The Artificial Nigger*” ?

3. Elaborate on the many kinds of disgrace in J.M. Coetzee’s novel

or

Show how the writer uses the image of the dog to highlight David Lurie’s plight at the end of the novel.

4. Besides the loss of his family and possessions what else did Pi lose in the shipwreck? What did he gain?

or

Show how Pi builds up a working relationship with Richard Parker in order to survive at sea.

**SECTION B**

Answer any two of the following in about 400 words each (2x20=40 marks)

5. Discuss “*Dream Images*” as literature of Partition.

6. Explain how the temperamental disparity between David and Lucy accounts for their varying reactions to the crisis in the novel.

7. Consider *The Life of Pi* as adventure fiction.

**SECTION C**

Answer any one of the following in about 400 words (1x20 =20 marks)

8. Do you agree that reality shows that feature young children in competition are a good idea?

9. Give your opinion on the political implications of reservation for women in parliament.

10. Write a review of any novel (apart from the texts prescribed for this paper) you read recently.

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