LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

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

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2011

# EL 2053 / 2061 - ENGLISH THROUGH CONTEMPORARY IDEAS

 Date : 02-04-2011 Dept. No. Max. : 100 Marks

 Time : 9:00 - 12:00

# SECTION – A

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

1. Explain the tragedy in the lives of David and Lucy.

 Or

 Do you agree that Petrus and Melanie are agents of punishment and disgrace in J.M. Coetzee’s novel?

1. Discuss the importance of Pi’s religious views in preparing him for the challenges at sea

 Or

Describe a typical day in Pi’s life at sea.

1. Discuss the theme in *Dream Images*

 Or

Write a short essay on the sadness of the Partition experience in the story of Toba Tek Singh.

1. Write a short essay on the central concerns in Urmila Pawar’s short story.

 Or

What message for humanity does the story of the Oorkali convey?

SECTION B

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

1. Examine the story of Pi’s survival and rescue as a triumph of human willpower and faith.
2. Show how the image of the dog highlights David Lurie’s plight at the end of the novel.
3. Explain the significance of the title *Artificial Nigger.*

SECTION C

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

8. As a privileged student what steps would you take to prevent discrimination and violence against women at home and in public places?

9. Write a review of any one of the books prescribed for extended reading.

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