



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2016

EL 1061 / EL 1065 - ENGLISH FOR ESSENTIAL WRITING

Date: 30-04-2016
Time: 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

I) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (5X 3=15 marks)

Today prisoners of Tihar jail can celebrate any religious festival, perform Raksha Bandhan, learn Yoga, do Vipassana, a kind of meditation, enrol for a Degree, undergo Vocational training or do a Computer Course, surf the Net or write an e-mail, participate in a Lok Adalat (Court of Enquiry), help to govern the prison, do Group Singing, participate in cultural events or act in a play. They can also use the fast track to complain about anything, by using the Mobile Complaint Box, which travels straight to the top without pause. It's surprising to think that one woman initiated all these! Kiran Bedi has revised the Prison Manual and initiated a new Prison Act.

1. What were the Prison reforms introduced by Kiran Bedi?
2. Can you name a few women leaders who had brought in changes in the Society?
3. How are prisoners treated in a Prison?
4. What is the Mobile Complaint Box?
5. Frame sentences using the words 'surprising', 'initiated' and 'participate'

II) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (5X 3=15 marks)

A king put his court to a test for an important post. Powerful and wise men stood around him in great numbers. "You wise men", said the king, "I have a problem, and I want to see who of you is in a position to solve it". He led the men to a huge door, bigger than anyone had ever seen. The king explained, "Here you see the biggest and heaviest door in my kingdom. Who among you can open it?" Some of the courtiers just shook their heads. Others, who were counted among the wise men, looked at the door more closely, but admitted they couldn't do it. When the wise men had said this, the rest of the court agreed that this problem was too hard to solve. Only one vizier went up to the door. He checked it with his eyes and fingers, tried many ways to move it and finally pulled on it with a hefty tug. And the door opened. It had just been left ajar, not completely shut, and nothing more had been needed but the willingness to realize it and the courage to act boldly. The king spoke. "You will get the position at the court, for you don't rely just on what you see or hear; you put your own powers into action and risk a test"

1. Why did the king want to test his court?
2. What was the response of some of the courtiers?
3. How did the door open?
4. What is willingness and courage in the story?
5. Can we completely rely on what we see or hear always?

III) Answer any TWO of the following in about 200 words each: (2 x 15=30 marks)

1. What is your ambition in life? How do you plan your life to achieve your ambition?
2. What are the causes of Poverty in India? What should be done to eradicate poverty?
3. Write about the various discriminations you see in the Indian society?

IV) Answer any ONE of the following in about 150 words (1 x 10 =10 marks)

1. Write an essay on the character of Yashoda, the woman who fought against the landlord.
2. Write the summary of the true story 'Mysore Lake'.

V) Fill in the blanks by choosing the right words given below

(5 marks)

(indiscipline, impossible, injustice, immobile, unreal)

1. Unfair treatment
2. A fantasy
3. Beyond the scope of
4. Disorderly
5. Not moving

VI) Complete this passage with words from the box.

(5 marks)

immediately	curiously	bravely	friendly	loudly
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We entered the gates of the Robots Museum and looked around----- . There was a grey truck and its driver was blowing the horn----- . The robot guard was built with green and yellow blocks. Its red eyes knew-----that we were near. It came towards us. We all left hurriedly a little scared, except Rohan, who shook hands with the robot----- . He laughed and said that the robot was----- .

VII) Rearrange the jumbled sentences in the correct order to form a story (10 marks)

- A man from Pudur scolded and broke her pot.
- Low caste people of Vayalur were not allowed to touch the water tank.
- Finally the police were called to maintain law and order in the two villages.
- Revathi is a sixteen year old girl from Vayalur who took water from the tank.
- Vayalur is a small village near Chengalpattu where the low caste people live.
- There was a common water tank for both the villages.
- The people of Pudur, a neighbouring village belong to the high caste
- A quarrel broke out between the two villages.

VIII) Observe the picture, relate it to a lesson and write 10 sentences (10 marks)



(For Visually Challenged students only:

What are the qualities of a Great Leader. Write about a Leader who inspires you)
