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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2017

16UEL1GE02 - COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Date: 29-04-2017
Time: 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

I Answer any TEN of the following in about 75 words each:

10x3=30

1. List the things and persons the man lost in the poem “Keep Upright”.
2. Who was the last person to receive the ribbon in the story “Who I am makes a Difference”?
3. Give three ways to keep Loyola Green.
4. How old was the banyan tree? How many people cut the banyan tree?
5. Why was the planet sad in “The Red Moon”?
6. Why did Matilda live with her aunt?
7. How did the Americans put notice boards for “Trespassing Prohibited”?
8. Where did Corporal Turnbull ask Private Quelch to join at the end of the story ‘The Man who knew too much’?
9. Why did the mother ‘have to forget’ the child in “Refugee Mother and Child”?
10. What did the men of Kilvenmeni “secretly hoped” in “The Gypsy Goddess”?
11. What according to Bapu Patil is the cause for the drying up of Chandrabhaga River?
12. Why was Bapu Patil angry with the narrator in “The Poisoned Bread”?

II Answer the following in about 200 words each:

2x15=30

13. a. Describe the character of Private Quelch.

OR

- b. What is deforestation? Suggest some measures to prevent it.

14. a. Discuss any TEN problems faced by today’s youth and explain how to solve them.

OR

- b. Bring out the importance of English in the present day context with examples.

III Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 5x2=10

It was a cold and windy night. My friend and I had met after a long time, and were chatting for hours. We did not notice the time passing by, and soon it was close to ten in the night. We decided to take an auto rickshaw to go to our house.

It started raining, and we hurried to get into an auto rickshaw and reach our place. None of the auto rickshaws stopped for us, except one. The driver asked us where we wanted to go and we told the place. Without saying anything about the fare, he said, “Please get in!” We thanked him and got in.

Since it was very cold, I asked the driver to stop at any small restaurant or a tea shop. We wanted to have a cup of hot tea. The driver stopped near a small restaurant. We ordered tea, and asked the driver to join us and have a cup of tea. The driver refused. I insisted, but he refused again politely.

My friend asked, “Will you not take tea from this shop or what?”

The driver replied, “No Sir, I don’t feel like having tea now.”

I asked again, “But, why? A cup of tea will do no harm.” Smiling, the driver replied, “Thank you sir, but I’m sorry.” My friend asked, “Are you against eating or drinking outside?” The driver said, “No!”

I was really surprised at his behavior and asked my friend not to compel him. In 15 minutes, we reached our house. We paid the fare and the driver thanked us. On an impulse, I stopped him, as I really wanted to ask him why he refused to drink tea with us at the restaurant.

He thought for a moment and replied, “Sir, my son passed away this noon in an accident. I don’t have enough money for his funeral. So I took a vow not to drink even water, until I earn enough money for my son’s funeral. That’s why I didn’t drink tea when you offered. Please don’t misunderstand.”

We both were shattered and offered him more money for his son's funeral. He politely refused, "Thank you for your generosity sir. In one or two hours, if I get one or two more customers, I will earn the money I need." And he left the place. We were amazed at his strength of character and integrity.

1. Why did the narrator want to take an auto rickshaw?
2. Where did they stop on the way? Why?
3. What did the friend tell the auto driver in the restaurant?
4. Why did the auto driver refuse the money given by the narrator?
5. Give a suitable title for the story.

IV a) **Underline the nouns in the following sentences :**

5x1=5

1. The Lion is the king of the forest.
2. Grandma loves watching the ducks in the pond.
3. The house was built with bricks.
4. My brother went to the doctor.
5. Chennai is a hot city.

b) **Fill in the blanks with the suitable verb form :**

5x1=5

1. He _____ (win) a prize in the competition held yesterday.
2. I _____ (go) to my native place a week ago.
3. I _____ (wait) since morning.
4. The bird _____ (fly) in the sky.
5. I _____ (visit) Goa during summer.

c) Write a paragraph on 'Students' role in Politics'

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V a) **Observe the picture and write 15 sentences**

(15)



b) **For Visually Challenged Students Only**

Write Fifteen Sentences on 'Farmer Suicides'

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