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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2017

16UEL2GE02 - ENGLISH THROUGH SHORT STORIES

Date: 20-04-2017
Time: 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

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

(10 X 3= 30 marks)

1. How does the writer describe the conditions of the books in the library in “The Squirrel”?
2. What happens when the road engine is about to move on the chest of the swamiji?
3. What was the exemplary filial behavior of Rakesh that pleased all in “A Devoted Son”?
4. Why does Ben price decide to let Jimmy go free in “A Retrieved Reformation”?
5. Why did the Conjuror get annoyed in “The Conjuror’s Revenge”?
6. Who is the dying man mentioned in the story “The Great Cremation Ground”? Describe him.
7. What meal did Mulla prepare for the last visitor in “The Eternal Duck”?
8. What does the prince think of the doctors in general in “The King and the Doctors”?
9. How does George spend his years in the story “The Ant and the Grasshopper”?
10. Why does Schatz think that he is going to die in “A Day’s Wait”?
11. Why did Aksionov’s wife consider his venturing to the fair inauspicious in “God Sees the Truth, But Waits”?
12. Why does the statue of the Happy Prince weep?

II. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 200 words each?

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

13. What are the consequences awaiting the talkative man after his release from the lock up in “The Road Engine”?
14. How did Rakesh serve his father during his illness?
15. What was the Conjuror’s Japanese trick in “The Conjuror’s Revenge”?
16. Compare and Contrast Jimmy Valentine and Ralph D Spencer in “A Retrieved Reformation”?
17. Consider the characters of George and Tom as a study in contrast in “The Ant and the Grasshopper”?
18. Describe the journey of Aksionov from Vladimir to the Nizhny Fair and circumstances and evidences that substantiated the suspicion on Aksionov as the culprit.
19. How has the writer brought out poverty in the story “The Happy Prince”?

III. Answer any TWO of the following in about 400 words each?

(2 x 15 = 30 marks)

20. Do you consider Rakesh as a truly ‘devoted son’? Explain.
21. How did the Conjuror take revenge on the Quick Man?
22. Write an essay on the corrupt practices of doctors in the present society and suggest measures

to enhance the image of the doctor's profession with the backdrop of the story "The King and the Doctors"

23. Forgiveness is the best form of revenge." Elucidate your point of view with reference to "God Sees the Truth, But Waits".
24. What lessons of love and compassion does the swallow learn from the Happy Prince? Discuss with examples from the story.

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