



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

**U.G.DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH {\*\*\*\*\*}**

**SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2018**

**17/16UEL2GE02 /EL2061- ENGLISH THROUGH SHORT STORIES**

Date: 21-04-2018  
Time: 01:00-04:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

I Answer any **TEN** of the following in about 50 words each: 10x3=30

1. How does the writer describe the condition of the books in the library in the short story “Squirrel”?
2. Why does the talkative man have a sigh of relief at the end of the story “Engine Trouble”?
3. What was the exemplary filial behavior of Rakesh that pleased all in the short story “A Devoted Son”?
4. Why does Ben Price decide to let Jimmy go free?
5. Why did the Conjuror get annoyed?
6. Who is the dying man mentioned in the story, “The Great Cremation Ground”? Describe him.
7. How did Esed show his gratitude towards Mulla?
8. What is the final treatment suggested for curing the illness in “The King and the Doctors”?
9. When does George decide to wash his hands off in the story “The Ant and the Grasshopper”.
10. Why does Schatz think that he is going to die?
11. Why did Aksionov’s wife consider his venturing to the fair inauspicious?
12. Why does God call the swallow and the prince the two most precious things in the city?

II Answer any **FIVE** of the following in about 150 words each: 5x8=40

13. Attempt a character sketch of Rakesh, the devoted son.
14. Justify the title ‘Engine Trouble’ by R.K. Narayan.
15. How are the characters of George and Tom Ramsay contrasted with each other?
16. How did the conjuror take revenge on the Quick Man?
17. Explain the circumstances that led to the arrest of Aksionov.
18. What were the reasons for Ben to change his mind about arresting Jimmy?
19. What message do we get from the story ‘The Cremation Ground’?

III Answer any **TWO** of the following in about 300-350 words each: 2x15=30

20. Forgiveness is the best form of revenge. Elucidate your point of view with reference to ‘God Sees the Truth but Waits’ .

21. Bring out the humour in the story 'the Engine Trouble'.
22. What are the corrupt practices of doctors in the present society? Suggest some measures to put an end to such practices .
23. Write a letter from the point of view of Ben Price arguing that his decision to let Jimmy Valentine go was the right thing to do.

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