LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

**B.A.** DEGREE EXAMINATION – **GENERAL ENGLISH**

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2010

# EL 1054 – ENGLISH FOR LANGUAGE SKILLS

Date : 29-10-10 Dept. No. Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 1:00 - 4:00

I Answer any ten of the following in about 50 words each (10x3=30 Marks)

1. Differentiate between proactive and reactive people.
2. Briefly discuss R. K. Narayan as a keen observer of children’s games.
3. View “The crooked mirror” as a satire (criticism) on women’s obsession with beauty.
4. “Thou art avenged, my first-born, sleep in peace.” Justify Yussouf’s claim.
5. Explain how manual labour can enhance one’s intellectual ability.
6. Explain the verger’s attachment to his gowns.
7. Why is the stranger called as “one outcast and in dread”?
8. Why did James Thurber’s mother throw a shoe through the window?
9. What was Swami’s nickname and why was he given it?
10. Why did Margie and Tommy find the book “awfully funny”?
11. “No one can hurt you without your consent.” Comment.
12. “Excellence is never granted to man but as the reward of labour.” Comment.
13. Capture the mood of the poem “The Listeners.”

II. Answer any TWO of the following in about 300 words each: (2x20=40 Marks)

1. How does Thurber illustrate that human behavior is varied in a situation similar in “The night

the Ghost Got in”? OR

How does Somerset Maugham declare positive outlook enables success in “The Verger”?

15. “The best part of one’s education is that which one gives himself / herself” -

Substantiate. OR

16. Illustrate the messages conveyed in the poems, “The Listeners” & “Yussouf”

III Attempt any TWO of the following in about 400 words each: (2x15=30 Marks)

17. Self-discipline is an act of cultivation. It requires you to connect today's actions to

tomorrow's results. There's a season for sowing, a season for reaping. Self-discipline helps you

know which is which.” How do you cultivate self-discipline in your life?

18 “There's no life without humor. It can make the wonderful moments of life truly glorious, and it

can make tragic moments bearable.” Narrate a humorous incident which has happened in your

school days.

1. Write a story on the theme of fantasy. The opening lines are given below.

“Once, long ago, in a country far away, in a big house with a beautiful garden, there lived a little boy…” Give a title for the story.

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