LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

**U.G.** DEGREE EXAMINATION – **GENERAL ENGLISH**

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2010

# EL 1060 / 1064 - ENGLISH FOR EMPOWERMENT

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

Time : 1:00 - 4:00

1. **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (5x2=10)**

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 any one 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 is the king’s order called a risk?
2. Why only wise men are called for the test?
3. What is willingness and what is courage in this story?
4. Why was it easy for the vizier to open the door?
5. .What was the final answer to this problem?
6. **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (5x2=10)**

Poverty and tuberculosis drove a father to sell his five year old son in public auction at Illupur bus stand in the neighbouring Pudukottai district a few days ago, according to information reaching here.

42 year old Ibrahim, a native of Periyar District, took his son Sultan to Illupur bus stand and announced that his boy was for sale. A crowd collected and some persons began to bid. Kanniyammal, a widow offered the highest bid of Rs. 225/- and purchased the boy. Beaming with joy, Kanniyammal took the boy with her.

Ibrahim said that his wife had deserted him when his son was two years old. He was a chronic T.B patient and he would not live long. He did not want his son to become an orphan. He thought that somebody should bring up the boy properly after his lifetime and so he decided to sell the boy.

1. Is the father right in selling the boy?
2. Why was Kanniyammal happy to buy the boy?
3. Do you think the boy will be happy with Kanniyammal?
4. Why do you think Ibrahim’s wife left him?
5. What is the age and native place of Ibrahim?
6. **Copy this Resume Format neatly into your answer sheet. Fill in your Details and apply for your Dream- Job. (10marks)**

**Name*:***

**Date of Birth**

**Present address:**

**Nationality:**

**Father’s name:**

**Mother’s name:**

**Marital status:**

**Knowledge of Languages:-**

**Name of the language : Speak Read Write**

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**Experience:**

**Present Salary:**

**Any other interests/ hobbies:**

**Reference (any 3) with address:**

**Write in brief (50 words) why you consider yourself suitable for this Job…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….……………………………………………………………………………………………………………**

OR

**Copy the following Job-application letter in your answer –sheet. Choose the correct answers from the choices given below and fill in the details. Write neatly.**

1. Computer-Science 2. [jack@gmail.com](mailto:jack@gmail.com) 3. advertisement 4.. Resume 5. 09381112222 6. Yours Sincerely 7. Three 8. 24 Sept.2010 9. Mr. Johnson D’Souza, H.R ,Microsoft Technologies, M.G.Road, Bangalore-6 10. Software Programmer.

From

S. Jack Nicholos

12, Nungambakkam High Road

Chennai

26 Sept. 2010

To

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Dear Mr. Johnson,

Subject: application for the post of Software Programmer.

This is with reference to your ……….. in The Hindu, dt……. .

I wish to apply for the post of -----. As requested, I am enclosing a completed job application, my certificates, my resume and …….references.

I have a B.Sc Degree in……… . I have a full understanding of the full life cycle of a software development project. I also have experience in learning and excelling at new technologies as needed.

Please see my …….. for additional information on my experience.

I can be reached anytime via email at ………..or my cell phone …………..Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking with you about this employment opportunity.

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Jack N.

[Jack Nicholas]

1. **Answer any five of the following questions: (5x2=10)**
   1. Why did the landlord confiscate Yashoda’s cattle?
   2. What are the two options given to the father in Mysore Lake story?
   3. What made the father to sell his only son in “Poverty Auction”?
   4. Why did the Nine Headed Monster get angry towards the lad?
   5. What problem do you find between the two villages Pudur and Vayalur?
2. **Answer any four of the following questions in about 100 words: (4x5=20)**
3. Describe the unforgettable moment in your life when you were appreciated by someone?
4. Suggest ways to keep our environment clean?
5. How do you convert your failure into success?
6. What do you learn from the character of Yashoda?
7. What do you understand from the story ‘Home for the Aged’?
8. How did the boy tackle the monster?
9. **Fill in the blank by choosing the appropriate word from the brackets: (10x1=10)**
10. Charles ------ reading an interesting book yesterday. (is,are, were,was)
11. Hema wants to -------(were, ware, wear, where) a new saree on her friend’s wedding.
12. Students are expected to be in -----(a, an, the, there) class before the bell rings.
13. Loyola College is located -----Nungambakkam. (beyond, beside, around, at)
14. Elephant is the ----------(huge, pet, tiny, biggest) land animal.
15. The rich trader owns a --------( cluster, bunch, fleet, crew) of ships.
16. A scholar is someone who is -------(soft, wise, wicked,strong)
17. Students have -----------(speak, speaked, spoken, spoked) about their experiences clearly.
18. Nuclear bombs, cloning are done by ---------(viziers, lawyers,scientists,chefs)
19. Responsible, dedicated, disciplined, sacrifice are the words that describe a ---------------- (criminal, leader,wanderer,beast)
20. **Answer any two of the following questions in about 200 words each. (2x10=20)**
21. How does education enlighten people to gain the experience of freedom?
22. Explain that achievement is the result of industriousness and practice.
23. What are the characteristics of a good professional leader and write about a leader who has such leadership qualities?
24. Explain whether it is luck or hard work that plays an important role in popular TV shows like ‘Crorepathi’, ‘Deal or No Deal’, ‘Anu Alavum Payamillai’ etc..
25. **Develop the following hints into a story. Give an appropriate title for your story.**

**(10 marks)**

A lion was sleeping-a little mouse was running up and down on him. The lion woke up and opened his jaws to swallow the mouse. The mouse pleaded for life-he said he will help the lion some day. The lion let him go. Some time later hunters trapped the lion-they tied him to a tree. Just then, the little mouse passed by-he gnawed the ropes that bound the lion-and freed the King of the Jungle.

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