

2022**ELECTIVE ENGLISH***Full Marks : 100**Time : 3 hours**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions**General Instructions:*

- (i) Write all the answers in the Answer Script.
- (ii) Attempt Part–A Objective Questions serially.
- (iii) Attempt all parts of a question together at one place.

(PART : A–OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

- 1.** State whether the following statements are *True* or *False* : 1 x 6 = 6
- (a) Jim's gold watch, his finest possession, is a family heirloom, inherited from his grandfather.
 - (b) Della wants a proper watch chain for Jim because his beautiful watch has an old leather strap.

- (c) The Water of Youth possessed a permanent value.
- (d) Srijut Sharma was made to retire ten years before his time.
- (e) Colonel Killigrew believed not a word of the doctor's story.
- (f) Mrs. Bodwell was even more frightened of ghosts than of burglars.

- 2.** Name the speaker and person(s) spoken to: 1 x 6 = 6

- (a) "What do you do in this city of iniquity, you little innocent country primrose"?
- (b) "How true it is that nothing, however insignificant, was created without an object.
- (c) "Rich is not quite the word for me, dame. I do work and I must work".
- (d) "Don't you fear I'll make a scene at the finish. I know my way all right".
- (e) "If a man does not value his own life, how can he be expected to care for us"?
- (f) Those who are traitors to their ruler must not be surprised if a double traitor is of their number.

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3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in the brackets: $1 \times 8 = 8$

- (a) "There was nothing to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and howl". This quotation shows Della's sense of _____.
(responsibility/grief/helplessness)
- (b) There was something about the smile of Mr. Acton, when he came over to Sriyut Sudershan Sharma's table, which betokened _____.
(sadness/grieve/disaster)
- (c) They stood still and shivered; for it seemed as if gray _____ were calling them back from their sunny youth. (skies/time/ghost)
- (d) I suspected next that it was a _____.
(burglar/ghost/deserter)
- (e) The _____ so carefully prepared has broken out prematurely. (plan/insurrection/revolution)
- (f) Ah! you old devil, me and you have seen the fur and feathers fly in our _____. (life/days/time)
- (g) Anybody may know my trade. I'm a _____.
(clock maker/wheelwright/carpenter)
- (h) The _____ who dared to couple her fair name with lies unspeakable; whose disgraceful attentions have embittered her life.
(libertine/lewd/sensual)

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4. Answer *any ten* of the following questions in 2/3 sentences each: $3 \times 10 = 30$

- (a) How does Della get the money to pay for Jim's watch chain?
- (b) Describe Della's beautiful hair.
- (c) How did Jame's mother manage to call the police?
- (d) Why did the narrator's mother suddenly feel the urge to throw another shoe at the neighbour's house?
- (e) Where is the famous 'Fountain of Youth' situated?
- (f) What did Dr. Heidegger take from the ponderous folio volume?
- (g) Why had Mr. Sharma been retained inspite of his professional incompetence?
- (h) How did Steinmetz propose to kill the King?
- (i) Why does King Konrad say that there is no King of Polavia?
- (j) Who is Abbé Dubois? What has he to say about Clopin?
- (k) Describe the constable's staff.
- (l) Why is the Shepherd's Wife glad that Timothy escaped that night?
- (m) What did Harry make Milly promise to do for him after he's gone?

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(PART : B-DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

5. Answer any two of the following: $2 \times 9 = 18$

(a) What warning did Dr. Heidegger give to his guests before offering them each a glass of the Fountain of Youth? What was the immediate effect of the drug on his guests? $4 + 5 = 9$

(b) Write a note on the narrator's grandfather? What was his obsession? Why did he call the police lily-livered cattle? $3 + 3 + 3 = 9$

(c) Describe the meeting between Mr. Acton and Mr. Sharma in the office. How did the watch drop on the table? Why couldn't Mr. Sharma speak out before his boss? $4 + 2 + 3 = 9$

(d) Describe and analyse the love between Jim and Della in "The Gift of the Magi" by O'Henry. 9

6. Answer *any two* of the following: $2 \times 9 = 18$

(a) What is Tim Sommers condemned for? How did he outsmart his hangman? $3 + 6 = 9$

(b) Did Harry Hawke achieve his death wish? Justify your answer? 9

(c) What was the "little surprise" prepared by Clarice for the gentlemen? 9

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(d) What were the conspirators planning to do? What happened later? $4 + 5 = 9$

7. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics (200-250 words) $1 \times 8 = 8$

(a) Plastic pollution

(b) The pleasures of reading

(c) Importance of learning English.

8. Write a short article on the saying "An Empty vessel sounds much". 6

Or

Your school organised a Musical Night to raise money for charity. Eminent people were invited, accomplished artists entertained the audience. The school generated a huge amount of money from the sale of tickets and eatables. Write a report to be published in your school magazine . 6

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