

CMI
B.Sc.
English

Date: 28/11/2024

Max marks: 60

Time: 2 hrs

Section A: Answer any 4 of the following in 150 words.

10x4=40 marks

- 1) Are your sympathies with Rakesh or his father? Justify with reference to Anita Desai's 'A Devoted Son'.
- 2) Comment on the following quotations from the play 'The Pie and the Tart':
A) Since charity begins at home, I shall begin right here. (Indicating the cake shop)
B) And the heavens will open; roast fowl and nectarines will be seen to rain upon us from the clouds.
C) Gaspard Gaultier is not the man to be treated like that, Oh, no!
- 3) Discuss any 5 features of a ballad as seen in 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan'
- 4) Comment on the reactions of the wedding guest to the story narrated by the mariner. Do you see any artistic purpose behind choosing a wedding guest for a listener?
- 5) List any three qualities in Stanley that helped him to succeed in his mission.

Section B: 20 marks

- 1) Say whether the plural endings -s are to be pronounced with a -s, -z or -ɪz. Give reason for your answer. The first one is done for you: [5 marks]
1. clips -s (The last sound of the root word is the voiceless consonant /p/)
2. shawls 3. seeds 4. roses 5. bulbs 6. caves 7. branches 8. pleasures 9. shirts
10. churches 11. books

II) Cloze test

Fill in the blanks choosing any word you consider suitable. Please note that it should not be more than one word. [5 marks]

On December 1, 1955, Mrs. Rosa Parks, a --1-- forty two year old lady, --2-- a bus to go home after a long day's work. The bus was ---3---, but she found a seat at the beginning of the Negro section. At the next stop, many whites got in and the driver ordered Mrs. Parks to give her seat to a white man who had just boarded; this meant that she would have to --4-- all the way home. She was not in a --5-- frame of mind. She was just tired and she refused to get up. The driver called a policeman who --6-- her and took her to the courthouse.

Word of Mrs. Parks' arrest went round --7-- among the city's black people and they decided to act. The --8-- evening a meeting of black ministers and civic leaders was held in Martin's church. In the meeting it was --9--- decided to boycott the buses. Several thousand --10-- were printed on the church mimeograph machine urging all negroes not to ride buses to work, to school, to town or any other place from Monday the 5th December.

III) Give the meanings of any 5 of the following idioms and use them in sentences of your own: [5 marks]

A white lie

To grease one's palm

The last straw

Bob's your uncle

Leave no stone unturned

To spill the beans

The elephant in the room

To pull someone's leg

VI) Mark the stress in any of the five words. The first one is done for you. [5 marks]

1. ago—a GO

2. decide 3. enjoy 4. parent 5. forget 6. import (noun) 7. conduct (verb) 8. people

9. garden 10. table 11. depend

Write a feedback on the course commenting on the content, methodology and evaluation. 100 words and no marks.