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## GENERAL ENGLISH

**Andhra University, B.A., B.Com., B.Sc., 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

### Assignment Paper

**Marks : 100**

#### Section - A

#### **I. Answer all the following questions in about 200 words each :**

- What are G.B. Shaw's views on "Correct English"?
- Why did the Conjuror decide to take revenge?
- What was the dream of Martin Luther King?

#### **II. Answer all the following in about 75 words each :**

- Why did the children write a letter to their teacher?
- Describe the conditions of Negro's as outlined by Martin Luther King in his Speech "I Have a Dream"?
- Discuss the characteristics of the caste system in India?
- How do native speakers feel when foreigners speak correct English?
- What items of the Quick Man did the Conjuror destroy?

#### Section - B

#### **III. Answer all the following in about 75 words each.**

- What is personification? Give examples from the poem "Ode to Autumn"?
- How does the poet describe the age of faith and the age of doubt?
- Attempt a character sketch of the speaker on the basis of clues provided in the poem.
- What various things does "The Unknown citizen" do to be considered a saint?
- What do you understand about "The colour consciousness of the white people, in the poem Telephone Conversation"?

#### Section - C

#### **IV. Answer all the following questions in about 75 words each.**

- Write briefly the casket story?
- How did the two little girls enjoy themselves?
- How does Portia react to Antonio's letter?
- Describe the boy's curiosity to visit the river?

**Section - D****V. Read the following passage and answer the questions****5x1=5**

It is not hard to state what Edgar Allan Poe meant by a good story, it is a piece of fiction, dealing with a single incident, material or spiritual, that can be read at a sitting. It is original, it must sparkle, excite or impress, and it must have unity of effect or impression. It should move in an even line from its exposition to its close. To write a story on the principles he laid down is not so easy as some think. It requires intelligence, not perhaps of a very high order, but of a special kind, it requires a sense of form and no small powers of invention. Among the English writers of short stories, Rudyard Kipling alone can bear comparison with the masters of France and Russia.

1. Whose definition of a good story is being discussed in the passage?
2. According to the writer, which two countries have produced the best writers of stories.
3. Write true and False : The writing of stories requires a special skill.
4. Write the verb form of "Invention".
5. Write the comparative form of the adjective "Easy".

**VI. Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms**

1. The police official \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to the victims yesterday.
2. Water \_\_\_\_\_ (boil) at 100°C.
3. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) the game by five and went home.
4. Mr Ram \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the store before he went home.
5. As soon as it is dark, he \_\_\_\_\_ (switch) on the lights.
6. All the papers \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) away by them
7. The house \_\_\_\_\_ (break) into by thieves.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (advise) to take rest.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ this house since 2009 (build).
10. They \_\_\_\_\_ (be) married for twenty years by the end of this year.
11. While we \_\_\_\_\_ in the fields, we \_\_\_\_\_ a snake (walk, see)
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ to college last week to collect my hall ticket (go)
13. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) since 10<sup>0</sup> clock.
14. The journalist \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Minister now. (Interview)
15. By the end of this month, we (work) \_\_\_\_\_ here for 25 years.
16. She \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) for eight months by the end of this year.
17. Ravi \_\_\_\_\_ a film these days (direct)
18. A triangle \_\_\_\_\_ (have) three sides
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out five minutes ago.
20. The train \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) before we reached the station.





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| 2.  | Misanthropist | (b) | One who loves manking                                  |
| 3.  | Theist        | (c) | One who hates man kind                                 |
| 4.  | Pessimist     | (d) | Civilized  |
| 5.  | Perishable    | (e) | Static   |
| 6.  | Fortify       | (f) | a learned person                                       |
| 7.  | Erudite       | (g) | Force, incite  |
| 8.  | Cybernetics   | (h) | deals with the science of control and communication    |
| 9.  | Instigate     | (i) | that which can be spoiled, destructed                  |
| 10. | Barbarious    | (j) | Lazy   |
| 11. | Hereditary    | (k) | Strengthen   |
| 12. | Diligent      | (l) | acquired   |
| 13. | Dynamic       | (m) | To confirm with the help of evidence                   |
| 14. | Paucity       | (n) | One who has narrow and prejudice religious views       |
| 15. | Crew          | (o) | Shortage   |
| 16. | Introspection | (p) | The action of looking into one's own mind              |
| 17. | Incompetent   | (q) | A group of people who work together for a single cause |
| 18. | Corroborate   | (r) | A person treating medical conditions of women          |
| 19. | Fanatic       | (s) | an amount which is not enough, a lack.                 |
| 20. | Gynacologist  | (t) | unable to do something well                            |

**ii. Divide the following words according to their syllables and mention its type:-**  
**10 x 1/2 = 5**

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|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| (1)Market     | (2)Encounter    | (3)Number        | (4)Conclude | 5)Embarrassment |
| (6)Incident   | (7)Wrong        | (8)Regretted     | (9)Gripped  | (10)Electrician |
| (11)Forgotten | (12)Compartment | (13)Desperately  | (14)Unmixed |                 |
| (15)Tripped   | (16)Symptoms    | (17)Confidential | (18)Urgent  |                 |
| (19)Quite     | (20)Behaviour   |                  |             |                 |

**iii. Fill in the following dialogues with appropriate words.**

1. A : Why do you look \_\_\_\_\_ upset?  
 B : Well, its my \_\_\_\_\_. The landlord seems to have only one agenda \_\_\_\_\_ objecting to what ever we do.



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| 3) / r mbl /        | c. board          |
| 4) / iluiz n /      | d. floor          |
| 5) / sk ri /        | e. ramble         |
| 6) / del tiz /      | f. filament       |
| 7) / fl : /         | g. buggy          |
| 8) / fl bi /        | h. fuming         |
| 9) / da:k /         | i. catch          |
| 10) / infr str kt / | j. cynic          |
| 11) / b :d /        | k. flabby         |
| 12) / bai s /       | l. scurry         |
| 13) / fju:mi /      | m. retort         |
| 14) / kaet /        | n. illusion       |
| 15) / sinik /       | o. infrastructure |
| 16) / rit :t /      | p. rustic         |
| 17) / smaekin /     | q. chuckling      |
| 18) / t klin /      | r. intrude        |
| 19) / intru:d /     | s. smaking        |
| 20) / r stik /      | t. deities        |

**v. One word substitutes**

1. Study of birds \_\_\_\_\_
2. A fault that can be forgiven \_\_\_\_\_
3. The act of speaking aloud one's thoughts when alone \_\_\_\_\_
4. The science that deals with the derivation of words \_\_\_\_\_
5. An imaginary name assumed by an author for disguise \_\_\_\_\_
6. Murder of an infant \_\_\_\_\_
7. A lover of authors \_\_\_\_\_
8. Walking in sleep \_\_\_\_\_ Talking in sleep \_\_\_\_\_
9. One who treats the heart diseases \_\_\_\_\_
10. One who treat diseases related to the mind \_\_\_\_\_
11. One who always looks at the bright side of life \_\_\_\_\_
12. One who treats skin diseases \_\_\_\_\_

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**vi. Add question tags.**

1. He paint's beautifully, \_\_\_\_\_?
2. She isn't a thief, \_\_\_\_\_?
3. I didn't hurt you, \_\_\_\_\_?
4. She doesn't like fish, \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Hindi is eassy to learn, \_\_\_\_\_?
6. The children went to sleep, \_\_\_\_\_?
7. They haven't played well, \_\_\_\_\_?
8. Your father is a doctor, \_\_\_\_\_?
9. There is a crack in the wall, \_\_\_\_\_?
10. She must go home, \_\_\_\_\_?
11. She has solved problem, \_\_\_\_\_?
12. We aren't disturbing you, \_\_\_\_\_?
13. You went to college yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_?
14. Everyone appreciated the magician, \_\_\_\_\_?
15. Sita never lies, \_\_\_\_\_?