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DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE WRITING IN ENGLISH

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DCE-1 : GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF WRITING

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

(Weightage : 70%)

Note : This paper has **two** sections A and B. Answer **five** questions in all, choosing at least **two** from each section. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION-A

1. (a) What is the substance of Writing ? Give examples. (300 words) [10]
- (b) How can one achieve lucidity in writing ? (300 words) [10]
2. (a) Explain the importance of the Title. (300 words) [10]
- (b) What do you understand by "appropriate ending" ? Illustrate. (300 words)

3. (a) What role does dramatic dialogue play in fiction ?(300 words) [10]
- (b) Bring out the connection between language and readability. (300 words) [10]
4. (a) " A situation is to a story what flour is to bread". Explain. (300 words) [10]
- (b) What is the role and function of Symbols ? (300 words) [10]
5. (a) What are the points to be kept in mind while proof-reading ? (300 words) [10]
- (b) Why are footnotes necessary ? (300 words) [10]

SECTION-B

6. (a) Write the outline of a story that begins as gives below. (200 words) [10]

The door was answered by a small woman almost as young as he was, who was holding a baby in one hand and a revolver in the other. If he'd been standing in his underwear Lichi couldn't

have felt as naked as he did now without his uniform. What scared him most was that it was a very old revolver, almost a museum piece, the kind that people inherit already loaded and don't know how to use.

"I'm sorry, I thought it was my ex-husband," the woman said, putting the gun into her pocket. "Come in."

" Did you hear anything anomalous a moment ago ? " he asked, his voice strained after the exertion.

"I heard a scream", nodded this dusky Snow White after a moment's hesitation, perhaps thrown by the anomalous word he had used to indicate a strange or odd noise. "It must have been that moron on the second floor. It sounded as though she was being killed. That's why I thought it might be my ex-husband. I thought maybe he'd got the wrong floor".

- (b) Write the ending of the story that you have visualised in 6 (a). (250 words)

7. Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow :

Touched by An Angel

We, unaccustomed to courage
exiles from delight
live coiled in shells of loneliness
until love leaves its high holy temple
and comes into our sight
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives

and in its train come ecstasies
old memories of pleasure
ancient histories of pain.

Yet if we are bold,

love strikes away the chains of fear
from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity

In the flush of love's light

we dare be brave

And suddenly we see

that love costs all we are

and will ever be.

Yet it is only love

which sets us free.

Questions :

- (a) What image of love is conjured up in the lines "Love arrives... our souls" ? What is the poetic device used ? (200 words) [10]
- (b) What effect does love have on us ? (75 words)[5]
- (c) What are the images that describe people who have not experienced love ? (75 words) [5]

8. Rewrite the following extract from Mr. Swales' point of view : [20]

Funny how you can always tell when somebody's laughing behind your back. Jodie hadn't really heard anything.

maybe a whisper, but when she turned around, the girls in the back row of the class were looking at her, trying to hide smiles and giggles. She looked back at her teacher. Mr. Swales was talking about what people do all day. He also wanted to find out what his students wanted to be when they grew up. He called on Billy Mitzer first.

"My daddy works in a bank," Billy Mitzer said. "I guess I want to work in a bank too. There's lots of money in the bank."

"My parents have a grocery store," Emmy DiSalvo said. "Papa's behind the counter and Mama keeps the cash register. But I want to be an airline pilot."

Jodie liked it when Mr. Swales asked them questions like this. He was about to call on Jodie when the girls in the back row burst out laughing.

Shirley Danes yelled, "Jodie's Daddy is a garbageman! Pee-yoo!" Everybody in the class laughed out loud. Everybody except Jodie, that is. She felt her face turn bright red. She looked around the whole classroom. Everyone was laughing. Some kids were even holding their noses.

Jodie looked at Mr. Swales. He was angry. He almost never raised his voice, but now he did.

" Silence! I want everybody quiet this instant".

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