

**DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE WRITING IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

June, 2012

DCE-03 : SHORT STORY

Time : 3 Hours

*Maximum Marks : 100
(Weightage 70%)*

Note : *This paper is divided into two sections A and B. You must attempt five questions in all choosing at least two from each section. All questions carry equal marks.*

SECTION-A

1. What role does atmosphere play in a short story ? **20**
Discuss with reference to either a detective story or a children's story . (350 - 400 words).

2. What are the moral values that should be reflected **20**
in children's stories ? (350-400 words).

3. What strategies are used in a detective story to **20**
create and sustain suspense ? (350-400 words).

4. Experimental stories have now become an **20**
accepted genre of writing with certain qualities of style and content. Discuss (350-400 words).

5. Write short notes on *any two* of the following : 20
(200 words each).
- (a) Qualifications of a detective.
 - (b) How to make a short story interesting.
 - (c) Guidelines for an aspiring writer of children's stories.

SECTION-B

6. Imagine a situation where it is the mother-in-law who finds herself bullied and brow-beaten, by her daughter-in-law. Recreate the atmosphere and irony of the situation, but try to give a credible positive resolution to your story. (400-500 words). 20
7. Write a short story for children (12 - 14 years) on *any one* of the following ideas : (400-500 words). 20
- (a) A scary encounter
 - (b) How to get along with an enemy.
 - (c) Annoying habits
8. You are sitting in the examination hall. Describe your feelings using your sense of sight and smell. (400 words). 20
9. List 10 things that you would normally see in a hospital. Write out this list. Now use *ALL* these ten things in a detective story - *but* your story should not be set *in* or even *near* a hospital. (400 words) 20
10. Write a story about a drunk person sitting next to you, insisting on revealing "the truth" to you. You may make the account humorous or serious, depending on what you can handle better. (400 words). 20
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