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AEC ENGLISH FOR B.COM AND MANAGEMENT

ENG2FA103(3) : ADVANCED ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT

Time: 1.5 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Section A

Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.

Each carries 2 marks. (Ceiling:16 Marks)

The speaker is Death There was a merchant in Bagdad who sent his servant to market to buy provisions and in a little while the servant came back, white and trembling, and said, Master, just now when I was in the marketplace I was jostled by a woman in the crowd and when I turned I saw it was Death that had jostled me. She looked at me and made a threatening gesture; now, lend me your horse, and I will ride away from this city and avoid my fate. I will go to Samarra and there Death will not find me. The merchant lent him his horse, and the servant mounted it, and he dug his spurs in its flanks and as fast as the horse could gallop he went. Then the merchant went down to the marketplace and he saw me standing in the crowd and he came to me and said, Why did you make a threatening gesture to my servant when you saw him this morning? That was not a threatening gesture, I said, it was only a start of surprise. I was astonished to see him in Bagdad, for I had an appointment with him tonight in Samarra.

BL2

CO1, CO2, CO4,
CO6

1. How does the servant's reaction on seeing Death reflect human nature?
2. What does the merchant's willingness to lend his horse suggest about his character?
3. Why does the servant believe he can escape his fate by going to Samarra?
4. What is the irony in Death's final statement?
5. How does the story portray the concept of destiny?
6. What is the significance of the setting of Bagdad and Samarra in the narrative?
7. Why does Death describe her gesture as one of surprise rather than a threat?
8. How does the servant's misunderstanding of Death's reaction lead to his downfall?
9. What does the merchant's encounter with Death reveal about the inevitability of fate?

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	10. How does the short and direct narrative style contribute to the impact of the story?		
Section B			
Answer the following questions. Each carries 6 marks. (Ceiling:24 Marks)			
11.	Identify the key metaphors used in "The earth is a living thing."	BL1	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO6
12.	Explain why Shashi Tharoor believes that digital reading is not the same as traditional reading. How does he describe the difference in reading habits between generations?	BL2	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4
13.	Outline the step-by-step process of the lottery in <i>The Lottery</i> . How is the ritual carried out, and what do these details reveal about the town's values?	BL3	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO5
14.	List the three reasons Mr. Collins gives for choosing to marry.	BL1	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO6
15.	How does Forrest's mother influence his outlook on life?	BL2	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO6
Section C			
Answer any one question. Each carries 10 marks (1 x 10 = 10 Marks)			
16.	Discuss how Jobs' early life struggles shaped his later success.	BL2	CO1, CO2, CO4, CO5, CO6
17.	How does Pirandello's artistic journey reflect his belief in the power of emotions?	BL2	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6
CO : Course Outcome			
BL : Bloom's Taxonomy Levels (1 – Remember, 2 – Understand, 3 – Apply, 4 – Analyse, 5 – Evaluate, 6 – Create)			