

**U.G. 4th Semester Examination - 2021****ENGLISH****Course Code : BENGCCLT403****Course Title : Prose and Comprehension**

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.*

1. Choose the correct alternative for the following questions: 2×15=30

a) How much money did Della count out at the beginning of the story?

- i) \$1.87                      ii) \$2.37  
iii) \$8.21                    iv) \$12.54

b) What important day is tomorrow in "The Gift of the Magi"?

- i) Della's birthday  
ii) Della and Jim's anniversary  
iii) Jim's birthday  
iv) Christmas

- c) What did Della sell Madame Sofronie for \$20?
- i) Most of her hair  
ii) A family heirloom  
iii) Her wedding ring  
iv) An antique book
- d) What did Della do after counting her money at the beginning of "The Gift of the Magi"?
- i) She called for a cab  
ii) She cried  
iii) She called her mother  
iv) She laughed
- e) How much was the cost of the room where Della and Jim live?
- i) \$15 per week      ii) \$5 per week  
iii) \$8 per week      iv) \$20 per week
- f) How was the electric bell at Jim and Della's apartment described?
- i) It looked beautiful  
ii) It was nicely decorated  
iii) It was completely new  
iv) It could not make a sound

- g) Della knew her hair was more beautiful than any queen's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 i) palace                      ii) beauty  
 iii) jewels and gifts    iv) hair.
- h) Della's beautiful hair reached beyond her \_\_\_\_\_.  
 i) knee                      ii) waist  
 iii) shoulder              iv) hand
- i) Though Jim's watch was so fine, it had never had \_\_\_\_\_.  
 i) a new look              ii) a fine chain  
 iii) a worn ribbon    iv) a broken buckle
- j) Who wrote *Letters from Father to his Daughter*?  
 i) O. Henry              ii) W. Wordsworth  
 iii) J. Keats              iv) J. L. Nehru
- k) The letters had been written when Indira Gandhi was studying in a \_\_\_\_\_ school in 1928.  
 i) Delhi                      ii) Calcutta  
 iii) Pune                      iv) Mussoorie
- l) *Letters from a Father to His Daughter* is a collection of \_\_\_\_\_ letters.  
 i) 17                      ii) 29  
 iii) 30                      iv) 31

- m) Nehru mentioned in the very beginning of the first letter that he was in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 i) Delhi                      ii) Kashmir  
 iii) Bombay              iv) Allahabad
- n) The early history of the earth should be studied from the book of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 i) law                      ii) nature  
 iii) science              iv) mathematics
- o) What was the name of the fifth letter?  
 i) A Look Back  
 ii) Fossils and Ruins  
 iii) China and India  
 iv) The Animals Appear

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below:

Helen Keller writes with an effortless grace and authority that is unmatched by any other writer in her genre. Helen Keller's autobiography, *The Story of My Life* (1902), was written during her stay at Radcliffe College and published when she was 22 years old. It chronicles her life from infancy to age 21, beginning with her family's home at Alabama and the disease that rendered her deaf and blind. The majority of the book is devoted to Helen's schooling,

which began when teacher Anne Sullivan came into her home to teach her various modes of communication. To begin, she spelt letters into Helen's hand, assisting her in learning the names of numerous objects in her environment. This gradually evolved to Helen trying to learn to speak and read braille, and her communication eventually improved to the point where she was able to attend college among those who could sight and hear. Three sections comprise this autobiography. The first section is a first-person description of Helen's life up to the age of 21. It chronicles all of her significant life experiences, from vacations across the country to the many schools she attended, but also incorporates many of her reflections and observations on the events that have occurred. The second section of the book is a vast selection of letters Helen produced throughout her life, demonstrating her substantial growth in her communication talents over time. The final section contains commentary by the book's editor, assisted by Miss Sullivan, on various aspects of Helen's life as documented in her autobiography.

Since the mid-20th century, *The Story of My Life* has earned widespread acclaim and has been turned into numerous plays and films. *The Miracle Worker*, a 1962 Hollywood feature film about Anne

Sullivan and her accomplishment in coaching Helen Keller, is the most famous of these.

Choose the correct alternative for the following questions: 2×10=20

- a) Who wrote *The Story of My Life*?
  - i) Hellen Keller
  - ii) William Shakespeare
  - iii) T. S. Eliot
  - iv) W. B. Yeats
- b) *The Story of My life* was published in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i) 1902                      ii) 1856
  - iii) 1736                    iv) 2004
- c) Helen Keller writes with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i) an extreme difficulty
  - ii) tremendous pain
  - iii) hardship
  - iv) an effortless grace
- d) *The Story of My Life* was written during Hellen's stay at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i) Maxville College
  - ii) Woodland College
  - iii) Sheffield College
  - iv) Radcliffe College

- e) The disease rendered Hellen \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) weak                      ii) sick  
iii) strong                  iv) deaf and blind
- f) Who was Anne Sullivan?  
i) Hellen's teacher  
ii) Hellen's mother  
iii) Hellen's grandmother  
iv) Hellen's sister
- g) \_\_\_\_\_ comprise this autobiography.  
i) one section      ii) two sections  
iii) three sections      iv) four sections
- h) The first section is a first-person description of Helen's life up to the age of \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) 25                      ii) 30  
iii) 21                      iv) 25
- i) The final section contains commentary by the book's \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) Editor                  ii) Publisher  
iii) Binder                  iv) Seller
- j) The Miracle Worker is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) Film                      ii) Book  
iii) Novel                      iv) Drama

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