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# Short Stories for Effective Communication

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Textbook: Syamala, V, ed. Story Time. Chennai: Anu Chithra Publications, 1988.



## UNIT-I

### Choose the Correct Answer

1. After his wife's death Kantichandra gave his mind to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - A. selling flowers
    - B. hunting
    - C. Writing poems
    - D. playing games
  2. The hunter Kanti saw a/an \_\_\_\_\_ coming to the water's edge.
    - A. village maiden
    - B. elephant
    - C. deer
    - D. duck
  3. Under the bush was seated the girl that Kanti had seen that morning , sobbing over a wounded \_\_\_\_\_.
    - A. duckling
    - B. sparrow
    - C. swallow
    - D. dove
  4. The elder man who welcomed Kanti into his house was \_\_\_\_\_.
    - A. Navin Charavarti
    - B. Naren Chatterji
    - C. Nabin Banerji
    - D. Nirav Chowdry
  5. The bridal couple were covered with the \_\_\_\_\_ for the rite of the Auspicious Vision.
    - A. yellow cloth
    - B. scarlet screen
    - C. floral wreath
    - D. white cloth
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6. What is the name of Satyajit's village?

- A. Shantipur
- B. Shorampur
- C. Shantapur
- D. Jabalpur

7. Satyajit was appointed as a clerk in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a government office
- B. a municipal office
- C. a bank
- D. a panchayat office

8. What was the amount written on the forged cheque?

- A. Rs.20000/-
- B. Rs. 1500/-
- C. Rs. 15000/-
- D. Rs. 2000/-

9. Srinath was Satyajith's \_\_\_\_\_ at Shantipur village.

- A. neighbor
- B. dearest friend
- C. maternal uncle
- D. father-in-law

10. Who was willing to lend money to Satyajith?

- A. Sujith
- B. Harish
- C. Subesh
- D. Chandru

**Answers: 1.B 2. A 3. D 4. C 5. B 6. A 7. C 8. D 9. A  
10.B**

### **Short Questions (2 marks)**

1. Who is Kantichandra?
2. How did the girl appear to Kanti?
3. What did Kanti do after the girl ran away?
4. Why did Nabin agree to give his daughter in marriage to Kanti?
5. What was the physical defect in the maiden?
6. How was the early life of Satyajit?
7. How did Satyajit's fortune change?
8. How did Satyajit detect the cheque as a forged one?
9. What news did Satyajit receive a letter? What was it about?
10. What was the security pledged by Satyajit?

### **Paragraph questions (5 marks)**

1. Bring out Kantichandra's personal life and his hunting expedition.
2. Explain the 'Auspicious moment' in Bengali marriages.
3. Describe Kanti's desire after seeing the girl.
4. Write a short note on Kanti's discovery during the auspicious vision.
5. Why was Kanti not unhappy for being married to the wrong girl?
6. What led to the downfall of Satyajit? What did he do after that?
7. What was the problem of Srinath? What was his request to Satyajit?
8. How did Satyajit solve the problem of Srinath?
9. Write a short note on Satyajit's generosity.
10. Describe the glory of Satyajit at twilight?

### **Essay type questions (10 marks)**

1. Justify the title "The Auspicious Vision" by recounting the events that led to the happiness of Kanti.
2. Write an account on Kanti's experience on the hunting expedition.
3. Write a critical appreciation of Rabindranath Tagore's story "The Auspicious Vision".
4. How did Tagore delineate the characters in the story "The Auspicious Vision".
5. In what way the characters by realistically portraying their emotion in different situation in Tagore's "The Auspicious Vision"?
6. Describe the rise and fall in Satyajit's life.
7. Write an account of the incident that elevated the clerk Satyajit to the position of the Managing Director of the bank?
8. What was the glory at twilight that happened in the life of Satyajit?
9. Make out the character sketch of Satyajit.
10. Bring out the aptness of the title "Glory at Twilight" written by Bhabani Bhattacharya.

## UNIT-II

### Choose the Correct Answer

1. The Nightingale had her nest built on a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Oak tree
  - B. bitch tree
  - C. rose tree
  - D. banyan tree
2. For what did the student weep over?
  - A. Because the girl refused his love.
  - B. Because there was no red rose in his garden.
  - C. Because he could not attend the ball dance.
  - D. Because he failed in the exam.
3. The first rose tree had only \_\_\_\_\_ roses.
  - A. yellow
  - B. orange

C. white

D. pink

4. The third rose tree that the Nightingale visited was \_\_\_\_\_.

A. in the centre of the grass.

B. round the old sundial.

C. beneath the student's window.

D. in the left corner of the garden.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ sent the girl some real jewels.

A. The Duke

B. The Prince

C. The young student

D. The Chamberlain's nephew

6. Bruce's physical appearance was rather like \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Abraham Lincoln.

B. Whitman.

C. Mark Twain.

D. Shakespeare

7. How many main characters are there in the scenario written by Bruce?

A. Five

B. Four

C. Seven

D. Three

8. How many pages did the skit contain?

A. Twenty five

B. Thirty

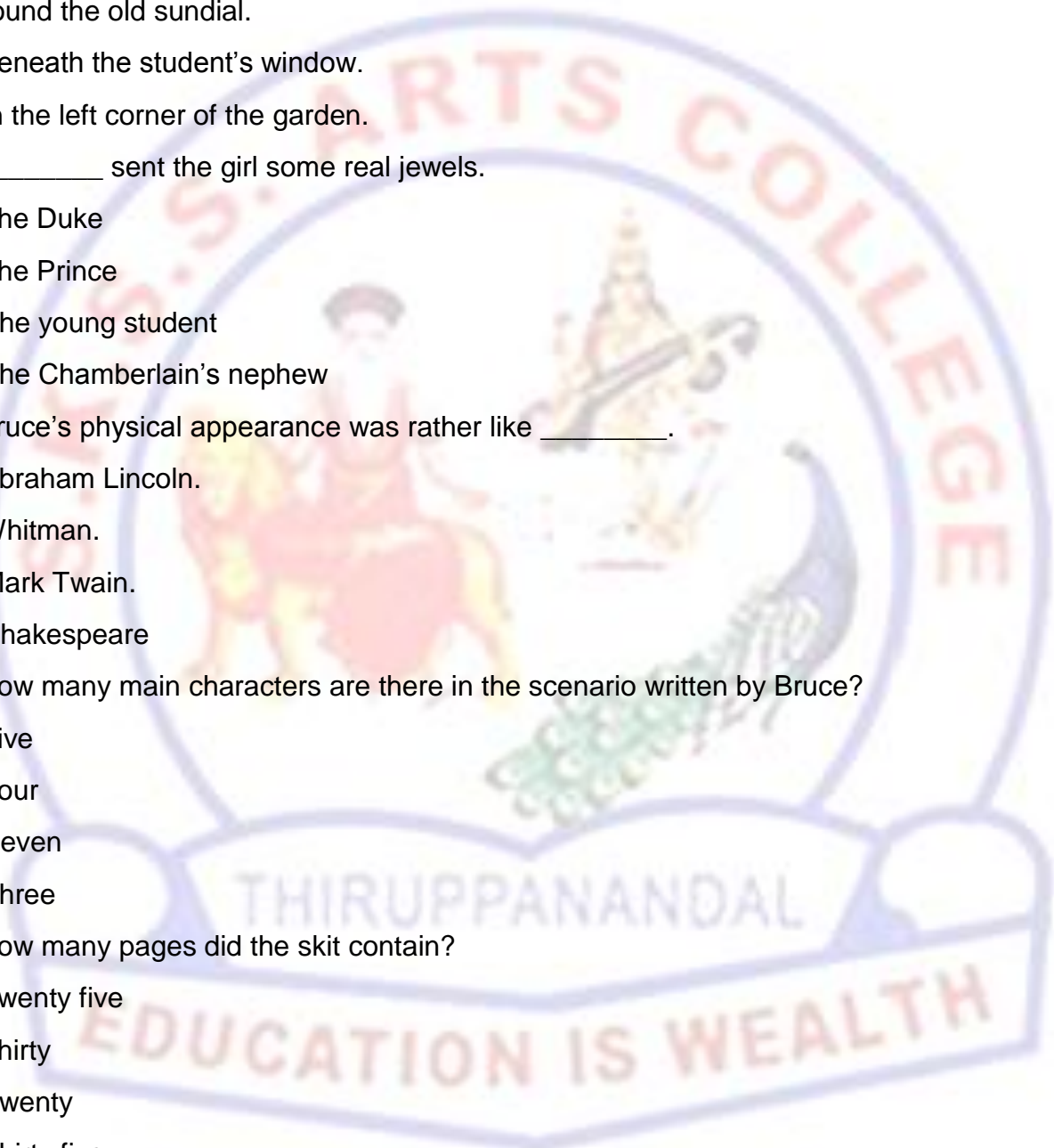
C. Twenty

D. Thirty five

9. What was the amount received by the author from the film company for Bruce's skit?

A. 3000 dollars

B. 2000 dollars



C. 4000 dollars

D. 1000 dollars

10. The author took the skit \_\_\_\_\_.

A. to stage the skit himself.

B. just to read the skit.

C. to sell it to film producers for making it into a film

D. to convert into a play and publish it.

**Answers: 1. A 2. B 3. C 4. C 5. D 6. C 7. B 8. D 9. A 10. C**

### **Short Questions (2 marks)**

1. Why was young student feeling wretched?
2. Why did the Nightingale decide to help the student?
3. Why was there was no rose in the rose tree?
4. Why was the student surprised?
5. Why did the girl reject the student's love?
6. Why is Bruce called a genius?
7. Why did Bruce appear very weak?
8. What did Bruce write on the cinema he saw?
9. What is common in the characters of Bruce's parody?
10. How did the author took the scenario to the film companies?

### **Paragraph questions (5 marks)**

1. Write a short note on the girl's desire and the boy's worry in "The Nightingale and the Rose"
2. Describe the helping nature of the Nightingale and its effort to find out a red rose.
3. How did the Nightingale cause the red rose to blossom?
4. How does the sacrifice of the Nightingale turn out to a meaningless?
5. Bring out the girl's response to the red rose and the students reaction at the end.



6. What made Bruce write a parody?
7. In what extent the parody of Bruce is an excellent scenario?
8. What kind of effort made by the author to make the scenario into the film?
9. Bring out the character sketch of Bruce.
10. What was the problem faced by the author after receiving the money? How did he overcome from it?

**Essay type questions (10 marks)**

1. Write an account of the story of the self sacrifice of a Nightingale for the sake of love.
2. Describe the Nightingale's unyielding effort in finding out a red rose.
3. Write an essay on the student's offer of red rose and the girl's rejection.
4. Bring out the different kinds of views on love in the story "The Nightingale and the Rose".
5. In what way Oscar Wilde delineate the selfless love of a Nightingale that sacrifices its life for the purpose of love?
6. How does the open statement "In these days no man of genius need starve" in the story "Acme" prove that?
7. How does the unexpected twist at the end in the story "Acme" disclose the irony of the whole situation?
8. In what way Bruce is a unique character?
9. Why does the author call the skit a goldmine? What were the efforts taken by him to make the scenario in to film?
10. Bring out the irony in Galsworthy's short story "Acme".

**UNIT-III**

**Choose the Correct Answer**

1. When did Samuel go to America?
  - A. Twenty years ago.
  - B. forty years ago.
  - C. thirty years ago.
  - D. Fifty years ago.
2. Samuel was a \_\_\_\_\_ in New York.

- A. baker
- B. salesman
- C. mechanic
- D. clerk

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a source of happiness.

- A. Prayer
- B. money
- C. Contentment
- D. Spirituality

4. The inhabitants of Lentshin were mostly \_\_\_\_\_ driven from their villages in Russia.

- A. Polish
- B. Siberians
- C. Christians
- D. Jews

5. What did the old man pray for in the Synagogue?

- A. for rains
- B. for his own health
- C. for material prosperity
- D. for his family

6. What was Mr. Leonard Mead's most favourite habit?

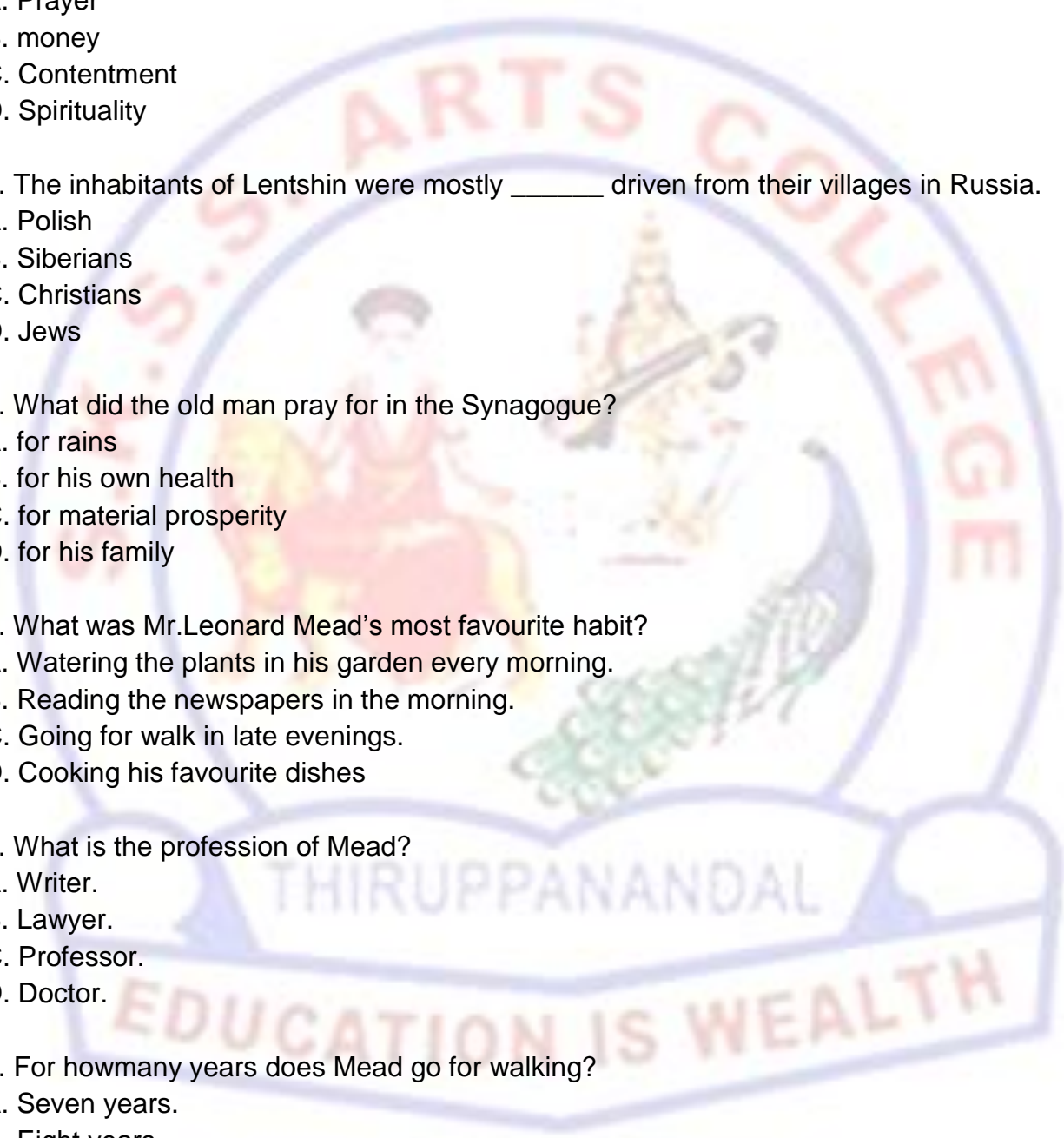
- A. Watering the plants in his garden every morning.
- B. Reading the newspapers in the morning.
- C. Going for walk in late evenings.
- D. Cooking his favourite dishes

7. What is the profession of Mead?

- A. Writer.
- B. Lawyer.
- C. Professor.
- D. Doctor.

8. For how many years does Mead go for walking?

- A. Seven years.
- B. Eight years.
- C. Nine years.
- D. Ten years.



9. How was the back seat of the police car looked like?

- A. It was very soft made of velvet.
- B. It was black colour leather seat.
- C. It was made of white colour cushion foam.
- D. It was like a little black jail with bars.

10. The word 'pedastrian' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. one who reads more books.
- B. a person walking.
- C. a person cycling to long distance.
- D. a person posses some skill of himself.

**Answers: 1. B 2. A 3. C 4. D 5. B 6. C 7. A 8. B 9. D 10. B**

**Short Questions (2 marks)**

1. What did Samuel send to his parents?
2. How did the old Berls spend their long winter evenings?
3. What was the language spoken by the old couple?
4. Why was Samuel astonished?
5. What was the plan of Samuel?
6. What was the habit of Leonard Mead?
7. What did Mead see while walking?
8. Why did Mead change to sneakers?
9. What was not accepted by the police car?
10. Where did Mead taken to by the police car?

**Paragraph questions (5 marks)**

1. How is the village Lentshin described by Singer?
2. What kind of life does old Berl and his wife lead?
3. Write an account on Berl's son Samuel.
4. What did Berl do with the money his son had sent? Why did he do so?

5. Give an account on the purpose of Samuel's arrival and his plan towards Lentshin village.
6. Describe on Mr.Mead's life style and his usual habits.
7. How does Ray portrayed the streets and the houses in the evenings.
8. Comment on the interrogation of Mr.Mead by the police car.
9. Where was Mr.Lead being taken and why?
10. What is the central idea conveyed through the story "The Pedastrian"?

**Essay type questions (10 marks)**

1. Write an essay on the theme of 'contentment' focused by Singer in his story "The Son From America".
2. Describe the life of Lentshin village.
3. What is the message conveyed by Singer through his short story "The Son From America".
4. Describe the unexpected arrival of Samuel and the reactions of the old couple.
5. In what extent Lentshin a self sufficient village-Discuss.
6. How is the pitiable plight of man in the future projected by Ray in the story "The Pedastrian"?
7. In what extent Ray's short story "The Pedastrian" a warning against technological revolution?
8. Write an account on Mead's love for walking interrogated by the police.
9. In what way the upcoming modern world portrayed by Ray in his story " The Pedastrian"?
10. Write a critical appreciation of Ray Bradbury's short story The Pedastrian".

**UNIT-IV**

**Choose the Correct Answer**

1. The word 'nincompoop' means \_\_\_\_\_.

A. a maid servant.

B. a stupid person.

C. a violent women.

D. a very soft person.

2. The author asked his governess to come to his study room because\_\_\_\_\_.

A. she didn't teach his children properly.

B. she didn't clean his room properly.

C. he wanted to settle her two months salary.

D. to scold her as she steal some jewels.

3.the governess monthly salary according to agreement is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. fifteen rubles.

B. sixty rubles

C. fifty rubles

D. forty rubles

4. For how many days the author's daughter Kolya was sick?

A. four days

B. five days

C. four days

D. six days

5. How much money did the master give the governess finally?

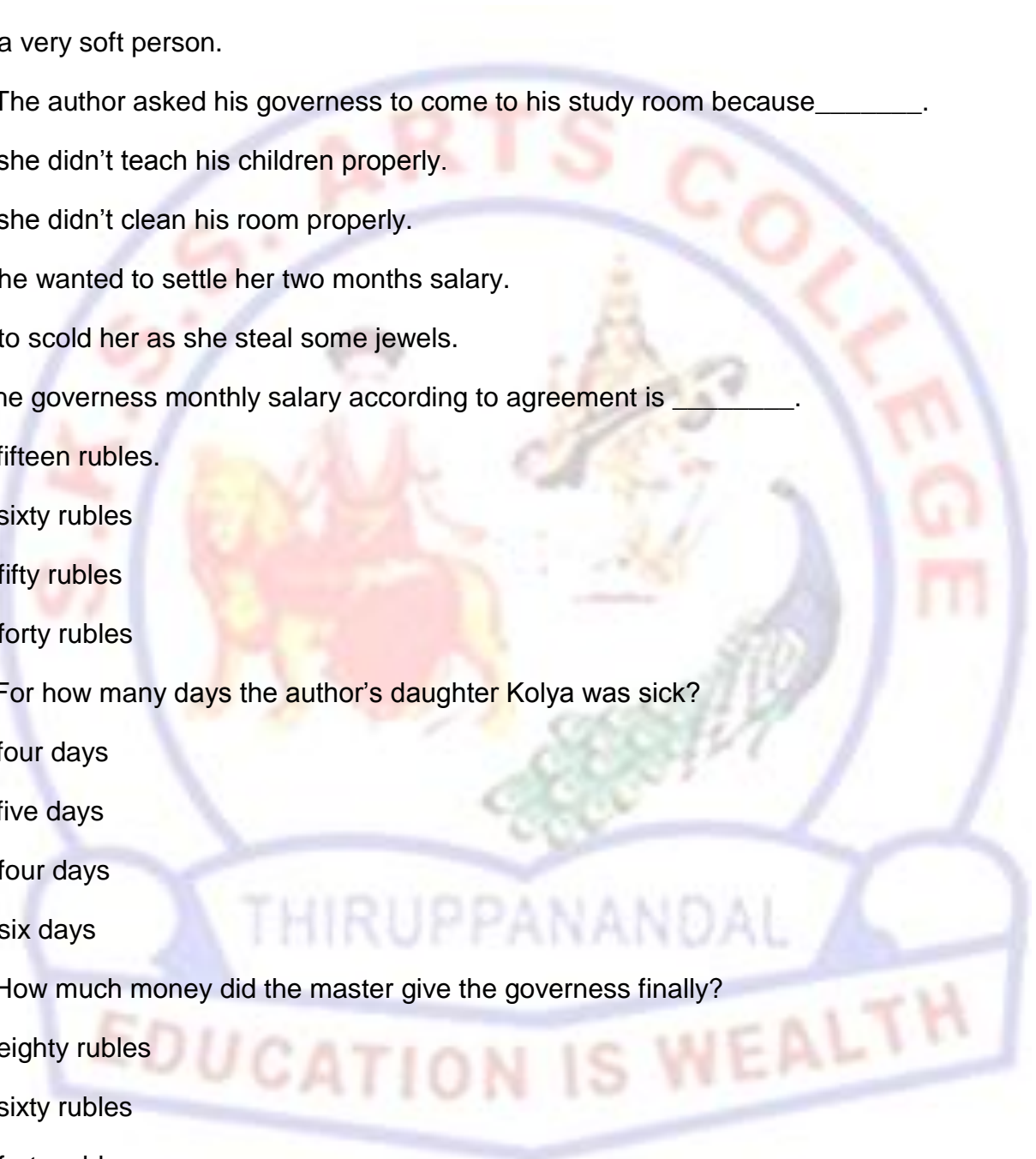
A. eighty rubles

B. sixty rubles

C. forty rubles

D. fifty rubles

6. Madame Loisel's husband was a \_\_\_\_\_.



- A. politician
- B. merchant
- C. clerk
- D. manager

7. Madame Loisel always imagined a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

- A. royal
- B. luxurious
- C. peaceful
- D. solitary

8. What made Madame Loisel miserable?

- A. lack of flowers
- B. lack of money
- C. lack of shoes
- D. lack of jewels

9. The husband and wife returned from the party to their home in a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. old carriage
- B. cab
- C. tram
- D. cart

10. The miserable life for Loisel and Madame Loisel lasted for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- A. twelve
- B. ten
- C. eight
- D. seven

**Answers: 1. B 2. C 3. D 4. C 5. A 6. C 7. B 8. D 9. A 10. B**



### **Short Questions (2 marks)**

1. What was Julia in the master's household?
2. What was not the governess asked so far?
3. How did Julia react to the reduction of salary for twelve days?
4. Why was the master angry when Julia thanked him?
5. Why did the master not give Julia the entire salary at first?
6. What were the things that Mathilde loved most?
7. Why was Mathilde unwilling to attend the function?
8. What was the shock of Mathilde?
9. How was the appearance of Mathilde after the unfortunate incident?
10. What was the lesson learnt by the couple?

### **Paragraph questions (5 marks)**

1. Describe the character of master of the house.
2. Explain on the passive reaction of the governess towards her salary.
3. Bring out the honest nature of the governess.
4. Describe the various deductions made by the master to his governess.
5. How does the master prove that his kind heartedness?
6. Bring out the character sketch of Madame Loisel?
7. Why did Madame Loisel borrow the diamond necklace and what happened to it?
8. What efforts are made by the Loisel's to repay the loan?
9. What are changes happens in the life of Loisel's after borrowing the loan?
10. Write a note on the surprise ending of the story "The Diamond Necklace"

### **Essay type questions (10 marks)**

1. In what way the plight of the weak and poor revealed from the short story "A Nincompoop"?

2. How does the master reveal the stupidity of his governess in “A Nincompoop”?
3. What was the joke played on the governess by her master and with what purpose?
4. How did the master turned the whole serious situation into a humorous one?
5. What truth Chekhov want to reveal from his short story “A Nincompoop”?
6. How did the couple make good the loss of the diamond necklace?
7. In what extent the craze for luxuries only ends in hardship revealed in the story “The Diamond Necklace”?
8. How does Guy De Maupassant shows show how a woman comes to grief because of her love of jewels in his story “The Diamond Necklace”?
9. In what way the characters in “The Diamond Necklace” are more realistic and represent the middle class?
10. Bring out the pathos in Guy De Maupassant’s story “The Diamond Necklace”?

#### UNIT-V

#### Choose the Correct Answer

1. The story “Sun and Moon” is written by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. George Eliot
  - B. Katherine Mansfield
  - C. Jane Austen
  - D. Emily Dickinson
2. There was hectic preparation in the house for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the birthday party of Moon.
  - B. the birthday party of Sun.
  - C. dinner party.
  - D. new year party.



3. The chief food item prepared for the party was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ice pudding.
- B. roasted fish.
- C. pork.
- D. egg noodles.

4. What did the only man that Sun really liked ask him?

- A. Whether he was fond of cakes.
- B. Whether he liked cats.
- C. Whether he liked comic books.
- D. Whether he liked dolls.

5. What did Moon asked his father?

- A. The red colour ribbon.
- B. The doll presented by the guest.
- C. Milk chocolate.
- D. The little nut on the ice pudding.

6. 'Saki' is the pen name of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. O'Henry
- B. Anton Chekhov
- C. Guy De Maupassant
- D. Hector Hugh Munro

7. Suzanne's cousin arrives from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Argentina.
- B. Germany.
- C. Italy.
- D. France.



8. What is the name of the department store?

A. Johnson and Johnson.

B. Copper and Brown.

C. Goliath and Mastodon.

D. Shiny Star.

9. Why did Suzanne refuse to play 'bridge game' with Eleanor's aunt?

A. They were old people.

B. They were utter boring ladies.

C. They were very cruel ladies.

D. She knew nothing about card games.

10. Why could not Eleanor could get fur as her birthday present from her uncle?

A. Because he lost all his properties.

B. Because he went abroad.

C. Because he died.

D. Because his wife died.

**Answers: 1. B 2. C 3. A 4. B 5. D 6. D 7. A 8. C 9. B 10. D**

**Short Questions (2 marks)**

1. What are the names given to the children in Mansfield's story?

2. What was the nurse doing in the house?

3. How was the mother found in her arrangements?

4. How was the ice pudding looked like?

5. How is Moon called by the guest?

6. What was the worry of Suzanne?

7. Who is Bertram?

8. What was the present that Suzanne disliked most?
9. What was the plan of the two girls about Bertram?
10. What happened inside the departmental store?

**Paragraph questions (5 marks)**

1. Bring out the hectic preparation for the dinner party.
2. Write an account on the arrival of guests to the party.
3. State on the curiosity and disillusionment of the children towards the party.
4. Explain the disorder and mess in the dining hall.
5. How does the children's disappointment portrayed in "Sun and Moon"?

**Essay type questions (10 marks)**

1. How far is "Sun and Moon" a probe into the minds of children?
2. In what extent Katherine Mansfield portrays the psychological insight of the children in the story "Sun and Moon"?
3. Describe the preparations for the party and state of the dining room after the party.
4. How does the story "Sun and Moon" reveal the customs and nature of the parties conducted by the rich families?
5. Comment on Sun and Moon's curiosity and disillusionment.
6. Describe the friendship between Eleanor and Suzanne on the basis of 'Fur'.
7. Bring out the humour in the story "Fur".
8. Give an account on the selfishness and deception on the part of the two ladies in "Fur".
9. How did the two girls Eleanor and Suzanne execute their plan of action and how it turned down?
10. Bring out the theme of deception, selfishness, and revenge in the story "Fur".

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