

U.G. 4th Semester Examination - 2022**ENGLISH****[PROGRAM]****Course Code : BENGCCLT 403****Course Title : English Prose and Comprehension**

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Answer **all** the following questions by choosing the correct alternative out of four options: $2 \times 25 = 50$

1. What is the genre of "The Gift of the Magi"?
 - a) Novella
 - b) Letter
 - c) Essay
 - d) Short story
2. How much money has Della saved up in the opening of "The Gift of the Magi"?
 - a) \$1.96
 - b) \$5.24
 - c) \$1.87
 - d) \$4.23
3. How long is it until Christmas in the opening of "The Gift of the Magi"?
 - a) One week
 - b) One day
 - c) Two days
 - d) Three days

4. "The Gift of the Magi" was initially published in
 - a) The New York Sunday World
 - b) Household Word
 - c) The Rambler
 - d) The Examiner
5. How much did Mrs. Sophie give to Della for her hair?
 - a) \$20.00
 - b) \$30.00
 - c) \$50.00
 - d) \$1.87
6. Who were the original Magi?
 - a) Jim and Della
 - b) Adam and Eve
 - c) The three kings who gave gifts to the baby Jesus
 - d) The shepherds who traveled to see Jesus
7. What do the actions of both character's in The Gift of Magi reveal about them?
 - a) They wish they were rich
 - b) They value extravagant gifts
 - c) They do not think ordinary gifts are good enough
 - d) They want to give a gift as valuable as they think their spouse is

[Turn Over]

8. The theme of this story is that Jim and Della's love for each other is much more valuable than any _____
- a) Material Gift
 - b) Expensive Dinner
 - c) Person's Opinion
 - d) Verbal Expressions of Love
9. How does the description of Jim's clothing contribute to the development of theme?
- a) "He needed a new overcoat and he was without gloves."
 - b) It illustrates how he dresses for work
 - c) It shows how well dressed he was
 - d) It illustrates the couple's poverty
 - e) It shows the season
10. O. Henry's biblical allusion to the Magi elevates a poor couple's dilemma about buying Christmas gifts for each other to the level of the New Testament story of the Wise Men. This short story is about two young lovers who sacrifice their most prized possessions; it is a classic example of _____.
- a) Irony
 - b) Dirge
 - c) Understatement
 - d) Satire

11. The early history of the earth should be studied from the book of _____.
- a) Law
 - b) Nature
 - c) Science
 - d) Geography
12. Which famous Indian scientist is mentioned in Chapter-IV ("The First Living Things") of the book Letters from a Father to His Daughter by Nehru?
- a) Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose
 - b) Prafulla Chandra Ray
 - c) Srinivasa Ramanujan
 - d) C. V. Raman
13. The men of the new Stone Age are called
- a) Neolithic men
 - b) Palaeolithic men
 - c) Both (a) and (b)
 - d) None of the above
14. What is the name of the addressee in Letters from a Father to His Daughter?
- a) Indira Nehru
 - b) Motilal Nehru
 - c) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - d) Swarup Rani Nehru
15. Who translated the letters into Hindi?
- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - b) Munshi Premchand
 - c) Mulk Raj Anand
 - d) R. K. Narayana

Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions:

Once there was a miser who sold all his possessions and, with the money, bought a great lump of gold, dug a deep hole at the edge of the garden, and there he buried his gold. Once a day, thereafter, the miser went to the garden, dug up his gold, and embraced it lovingly. One of the miser's workmen wondered why his master spent so much time in the garden. One day, he hid behind a tree and soon discovered the secret of the hidden treasure. That night, when the miser was fast asleep, the workman crept into the garden and stole the lump of gold. When the miser found that his gold was gone, he tore his hair and cried aloud in his despair. A neighbour came running to see what the matter was, and the grief-stricken miser told him what had happened. Then the neighbours said, "Pray to stop your weeping. Go and find a stone. Place the stone in the hole and imagine that it is your lump of gold. The stone will serve your purpose, for you never meant to use the gold anyway." "To a miser, what he has is of no more use than what he has not."

16. How did the miser get the lump of gold?
- a) By selling all he had

- b) While digging the garden
c) From his ancestors
d) From his neighbour

17. Why did miser spend so much time in the garden?
- a) He was a nature lover
b) He liked watching children playing in the garden
c) To keep an eye on his hidden treasure
d) To change the place of his lump of gold
18. By whom was the gold stolen?
- a) A thief
b) His neighbour
c) The miser's workman
d) The miser himself
19. The neighbour advised the miser to put a stone in the hole because _____.
- a) Gold is like a stone only
b) The miser would never use the gold, hence no difference between the two
c) The stone will become gold after some time
d) For a wise man, gold and stone have equal worth

20. Choose the most appropriate title for this story
- a) Gold and Stone
 - b) The Miser and His Gold
 - c) The Miser and His Neighbour
 - d) The Miser and His workman
21. Who came to the miser as he was crying?
- a) Neighbour b) Servant
 - c) Police d) Relatives
22. Who is a miser?
- a) One who eats voraciously
 - b) Someone who is not generous and doesn't like to spend money
 - c) One who spends a lot of money and live in luxury
 - d) One who donates a lot of money regularly
23. Select the appropriate synonym for 'miser'
- a) Spendthrift b) Prodigal
 - c) Penny-pincher d) Rich

24. What did the miser buy?
- a) Car b) Gold
 - c) Servant d) Garden
25. Select the correct passive form of the following sentence:
- The stone will serve your purpose.
- a) Your purpose will be served by the stone
 - b) You will be served with the stone
 - c) The purpose will be served by the stone to you
 - d) Your purpose will serve the stone
