

DHANAMANJURI UNIVERSITY

BA 1st SEMESTER

2021

DECEMBER

AECC-ENGLISH (Hons and Pass)

AEN-001

LITERATURE, SPEAKING, WRITING

Full Mark: 100

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

SECTION A: Answer any five (5) of the following questions:

5x12=60

1. Give a character sketch of Olga Ivanovna in *The Grasshopper*.
2. Justify the title of the story, *Lamb to the Slaughter*.
3. Discuss O Henry's *The Gift of the Magi* as a fable about poverty, love and generosity.
4. "Tension is an integral technique used by Dahl in *Lamb to the Slaughter* that helps to create a more interesting short story." Justify.
5. "The Grasshopper is a satirical portrayal of a woman... who lives on reflected glory and jumps from one celebrity to another in search of it." Elucidate.
6. Write a dialogue between two students discussing their choice of a career in about 20 (twenty) lines.

SECTION B: Answer the following questions.

4x7 = 28

1. "That man oppresses me with his magnanimity." Explain with reference to the given line from *The Grasshopper*.
2. "It would be a favour to me if you eat it up." How would it be a favour to Mary Maloney in the story, *Lamb to the Slaughter*?
3. "Eight dollars a week or a million in a year-what is the difference? A Mathematician or a wit would give you the wrong answer." Explain with reference to the context.
4. Discuss briefly the techniques of report writing.

SECTION C: Answer the following questions.

3x4= 12

1. How is Ryabovsky important in the story, *The Grasshopper*?
2. Why did everything look grey to Della that morning?
3. How would you describe yourself in a college interview?
