**BON SECOURS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**

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**SHORT STORIES**

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**UNIT-1**

2 Marks

1. Write a short note on Saki.
2. Describe about the activities of Alice in the story?
3. What is a Primrose- explain
4. Brief the moral in the short story The Verger.
5. Discuss the plot and the major theme in The Verger.
6. Where does the verger live?
7. What does the verger do?
8. Who is a verger?
9. What is verger’s special talent?
10. Who is not able to read and write in the short story The Verger?
11. Why foreman doesn’t want to learn?

5 Marks

1. Explain the character sketch of the king.
2. Pen portrayal of the character Alice.
3. Why does Albert Edward consider to be a Verger? why?
4. Character analysis of Albert Edward.

10 Marks

1. Explain the themes prevailed in Alice and the Liberal party.

2. Explain in detail about The Verger, with its character, moral, and theme

**UNIT-2**

2 Marks

1. Where did the postmaster take up his duties?
2. What did the postmaster feel?
3. Who is Ratan?
4. Why the postmaster could not find any companies?
5. What memories came in the mind of the postmaster?
6. What happened to the postmaster?
7. Why did the people use small boats for marketing?
8. Did Ratan learn something from the postmaster
9. Why did the post master apply for transfer.
10. Which words hurt Rattan and why?
11. Why did the post master leave Rattan in the small village?
12. Why did Rattan want to go with post master.
13. Write a short note on lakshmi kannan.
14. What is theme of the short story Muniyakka.
15. What are the routine works of Muniyakka
16. What are the three feminine stories written by Lakshmi kannan
17. Does the short story Muniyakka has a soliloquy?
18. Muniyakka a young or a old woman?

5 Marks:

1. How did Rattan serve his master when he was ill?

2. Why did the post master console himself while he crossed the river?

3. Write a pen portrait of Rattan.

4. Through Muniyakka how lakshmi kannan is portraying the suffering of wife

and mother.

10 Marks:

1. Explain in details about the feministic view in Muniyakka.

2. How Rabindranath Tagore sculpted the post master?

**UNIT-III**

1. What is major theme in the bet.

2. What type of bet it is?

3. who wins the bet?

4. In the bet does the bet resolve the issue for which the bet had been made?

5. Why do the lawyer and banker make the bet?

6. Whom the bet is between?

7. What bias is present in the bet?

8. In the short story the bet who suffered the most?

9. What are the terms of the bet in Checkov’s story.

10. Which scripture reference is mentioned in the candle?

11. What is the name of the king in the candle?

12. Name the cruel man in the candle?

13. Who is a serf?

14. At last what happened to the cruel man?

15. Give the character sketch of peter?

16. Who is killed at last in the candle?

17. What is the main determination of the peasents?

5 Marks:

1. Explain the major theme that Leo Tolstroy have discussed in his works in the candle.

2. Critically examine the term and conditions of the short story the bet?

3. Why does the narrator call the bet wild and senseless?

10 Marks:

1. True happiness lies neither in material possessions nor in knowledge or learning. Explain through the bet.

2. The power of god is manifested not in evil, but in goodness. Explain through short story the candle

**UNIT- 4**

2 Marks:

1. What is the narrative technique of Nathaniel Hawthorne?
2. Write a short note on Nathaniel Hawthorne’s style.
3. What is the relationship between Violet and Peony?
4. Who decided to create an image out of snow?
5. How the snow image comes into life?
6. Whom did they take as their little sister?
7. When was the Purloined Letter written?
8. What is in the Purloined Letter?
9. Who is the narrator of the Purloined Letter?
10. Why was it important that the letter be retrieved?
11. Where was the letter thought to be hidden?
12. For what did Dupin receive fifty thousand Francs?
13. Why had Perfect been unable to locate the stolen letters.

5 Marks:

1. Comment on your ideas about this story.
2. What is the significance of the story ‘The Snow Image’?
3. What role does imagination play in the story? At what point do characters appear to be using their imagination.
4. How truthful is the narrator? From what motivations does he appear to be operating?

10 Marks:

1. Describe the characterization of Nathaniel Hawthorne The snow Image.
2. The Purloined Letter whether it is horror (or) detective story.

**UNIT-5**

2 Marks:

1. Describe the economic and traditional function of the market in Africa.
2. What is Kitikpa? How much do the people known about modern medicine?
3. Why is Obi afraid when he hears the sound of the gong?
4. Doe Obi believes in evil spirits?
5. What is the purpose of the egg? Is Obi is aware of this rite?
6. What happens to Janet and her mother?
7. Is there a connection with the sacrificial egg and the happenings?
8. Who is old Mr.Neave?
9. How is Charolette relating in this story?
10. Whose son is Harold?
11. What is your opinion on an Ideal Family?

5 Marks:

1. Justify an Ideal Family as a real or unreal.
2. Character analysis of old Mr.Neave.
3. The Egg as a symbol- an analysis of sacrifice egg.
4. Illustrate the major theme of the sacrifice egg.

10 Marks:

1. What is the theme of “An Ideal Family”?
2. The Sacrifice Egg is a conflict between African civilization and Westerisation.