

## ENGLISH

### Question Paper on unit I – P U C II Year Text Book

1. The important thing in life is never to stop questioning - Albert Einstein
2. The foundation for critical thinking and reasoning is Questioning
3. Hence it is important to help students to focus on the type of questions & the question paper pattern.

## Key – Answers

### One mark questions :

1. Hollis Meynell.
2. C - Hollis Meynell requested her to wear it.
3. C- a fat woman well past 40.
4. C - all brave men do fear.
5. C- believed that looks were not important.
6. A - slim woman with blond hair and blue eyes.
7. Hollis Meynell.
8. In a restaurant across the street.
9. Grand central station in New York.
10. Her remarks about men.
11. C - an insight into a man's heart.
12. Hollis Meynell,
13. A – springtime,
14. On the bookplate,
15. A – four minutes to six,
16. B - one minute to six,
17. B - Florida Army library,
18. A - she wore a crimson sweet pea in her suit lapel,
19. B – honesty,
20. C - the notes in a woman's hand writing,
21. Blandford felt as though he were being split in two when he saw a fat woman past 40 with a red rose in her suit lapel.
22. Hollis Meynell,

### **Four marks questions :**

1. Ans - John Blandford liked the remarks written by Hollis Meynell throughout the book 'Of Human Bondage'. He admired the way she could look into a man's heart so tenderly. Secondly he had confessed to Hollis Meynell that he had felt fear to which she had quoted the 23rd psalm, 'All brave men fear'. She was a huge moral support to him. Thirdly when he asked her for her photograph she flatly refused to send it saying that looks were not important in true love. These were the qualities that Blandford admired in Hollis Meynell.

2. Ans - Hollis Meynell was 30, tall, smart with blond hair and blue eyes. She was intelligent and a sensitive woman. She believed that true love was beyond physical beauty. On the other hand the woman past 40 was fat and had thick ankle feet. She had gray hair. She was gentle and sensible with a warm twinkle in her eyes.

3. Ans - John Blandford found the book 'Of Human Bondage' in Florida Army Library. He liked Hollis Meynell's remarks in the book about man's feelings. He found her address in a New York city telephone book and promptly wrote to her. She replied and their friendship grew. She encouraged him when he felt fear during the war. They corresponded for 13 months and finally decided to meet. Thus the book 'Of Human Bondage' brought them close together.

4. Ans - John Blandford had asked Hollis Meynell for her photograph. But she flatly refused to send him her photograph. She strongly believed that how she looked didn't matter. She even added that she may be plain looking and wanted Blandford to accept her as she was. She said that love which depended on looks only disgusted her. So she refused all his pleas to send him her photograph. She added that they would soon meet in New York.

5. Ans - John Blandford was an Army lieutenant and one day was caught in a fierce battle. His plane was the target of the enemies and he could almost see the grinning face of the enemy pilot. He had confessed to Hollis Meynell that he had felt fear. She had consoled him saying that all brave men fear. So whenever Blandford felt fear he would imagine Hollis Meynell's voice and this renewed his strength and skill. She had even quoted the 23rd psalm of the bible, 'all brave men fear'. Thus Hollis Meynell was a huge moral support to John Blandford.

6. Ans - John Blandford was anxiously waiting at the Grand Central Station for Hollis Meynell. At one minute to six, a tall pretty woman walked toward him and he felt happy. But unfortunately he saw a fat woman well past 40 standing behind her with a rose in her suit lapel. John Blandford was terribly disappointed but concealed it. He said to himself that his friendship with Hollis Meynell would be rarer than love and would consider his relationship with Hollis Meynell as precious. He showed her the book, 'Of Human Bondage' and invited the fat lady for dinner to which the woman said that the real Hollis Meynell was waiting for him at a restaurant across the road. Thus we admire John Blandford for being faithful to Hollis Meynell.

### **Six Marks Questions**

III. 1 Ans \_ In his mind's eye John Blandford had created a beautiful picture of the woman he loved so passionately for the past thirteen months. So it was but natural for him to feel disappointed when he saw a plump woman past 40 with a red rose in her suit lapel. It took some time for him to come to terms with the situation he had not expected. But his integrity, honesty, his love for the rare kind of friendship he had developed towards Hollis Meynell for the past thirteen months took an upper hand and he invited her for dinner. Of course he himself was shocked at the bitterness of his voice but he gracefully accepted the fat woman as a precious friend.

2. Ans - John Blandford had found a book 'Of Human Bondage' in Florida Army Library. Throughout the book he saw notes in a woman's handwriting and liked the remarks about how she could see into a man's heart. He found her address in a New York City telephone book and wrote to her. She replied and they continued writing. Their friendship grew and Blandford finally asked her to send her photograph but she flatly refused. She wrote that looks were not important and added that she may be a very plain looking woman. If Blandford truly loved her, he would accept her as she was. She did not believe in physical attraction because it would not last long. Thus we see that Hollis Meynell was a woman of strong values.

3. Ans - Hollis Meynell had corresponded with John Blandford because she had liked him. But as a woman she had to be careful. She wanted to know how strong Blandford's love for her was and so decided to test him. She had every right to test him because it was an important decision in her life. So she had requested the fat lady past 40 to wear the red rose in her suit lapel. She knew she had made things difficult for Blandford but that was the only way she could ascertain that Blandford loved her. She did not believe in physical attraction. She was a mature intelligent woman and did not want to make a wrong decision. Thus we admire Hollis Meynell for her sharpness and we endorse her action.