

**MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2018**  
**First Year First Semester**  
**ENGLISH**  
**Writing in Practice**

**Time: 2 hours**

**Full marks: 30**

Answer *any one* question.

1. Complete this story:

The boat rocked a little. 'Sit down!' Layla hissed. 'They'll see you.'

'It's too dark for them to make out anything,' Yohan hissed back. 'And if we don't find a way out of this bay soon, they'll find us at dawn, and then our troubles will really begin.'

'What do you suggest?' Layla asked, cautiously raising her head. 'It's too far to make a dash for the jetty.'

'No need for that.' Yohan sat back down. 'They think we're still on our picnic. We have a few hours. Let's review our options.'

2. Complete this story:

'Put that eggwhisk down,' she said slowly and deliberately. 'Mahira, you're not baking your way out of this one.'

'I'm sorry,' Mahira whimpered. 'I don't want you to think I'm ungrateful to you, after all you've let me stay here in spite of knowing about my...urges, but truly, I didn't...'

'Mr Fallala has bite marks on his shoulder, and Mrs Fallala will never be able to look a drop scone in the face again.' Vina rolled her eyes. 'What did I tell you about going door to door with cakes? Food exchanges aren't automatically mutual, you know. You have to build consent, especially with teeth sharp as yours and that hungry look you get when...'

'Awooooooo!' Mahira dropped on all fours and scurried under the dresser with her tail between her legs. Vina sighed. She stooped and said quietly to the quivering ball of fur that Mahira had become, 'We'll talk about this in the morning.'

3. Write a story using any three of the following elements:

a baby carriage, a stolen shipment of pearls, a shotgun, a plastic ballerina, a bouquet of roses, a set of mountaineering crampons, a weird cloud formation, a bat.