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Second Semester

Part II – English

GENERAL ENGLISH – II

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Success is _____ turned inside out.

- (a) hard work (b) sincerity
(c) wealth (d) failure

2. Rip Van Winkle passes into a magical slumber and awakens _____ years later.

- (a) 20 (b) 15
(c) 21 (d) 10

3. The old lady asked the narrator to read her _____ letter.

- (a) husband's (b) father's
(c) friend's (d) grandson's

4. In "The Road not taken", the poet has made the choice _____.

- (a) simply
(b) after a lot of contemplation
(c) after discussing with his friend
(d) randomly

5. Which weekly magazine featured Triveni's Kashiyatre?

- (a) Prantik (b) Gariyoshi
(c) Kumudham (d) Karmaveera

6. Kalam's article entitled "Let us Make our own Aircraft" was written in _____.

- (a) Urdu (b) Tamil
(c) English (d) Kannada

7. John had baked a cake before you arrived. (Identify the tense of the underlined word)

- (a) past tense (b) present tense
(c) past perfect tense (d) future tense

8. Slow and steady _____ the race.
 (a) have won (b) has won
 (c) win (d) wins
9. Email is a medium of _____ communication used to send and receive information over the Internet.
 (a) oral (b) written
 (c) non-verbal (d) verbal
10. Memo can be used for future _____.
 (a) action (b) reference
 (c) medium (d) protocol

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing (a) or (b).
 Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain the theme of self-determination and self-definition in "Still Here".
 Or
 (b) Comment on the characteristics of Rip Van Winkle.

12. (a) Explain the poet's action against the snake and its consequences.

Or

- (b) State the reason for people in James' community not placing their trust in the bank.

13. (a) Examine the relationship between Sudha Murty and her grandmother.

Or

- (b) Comment on the climax of the story "How Frog went to Heaven".

14. (a) Fill in the blanks with present/present continuous/present perfect/present perfect continuous tenses.

- (i) We _____ (go) to temple every Friday.
 (ii) Sundar _____ (be) our driver for the past ten years.
 (iii) The Chief Guest _____ (come) just now.
 (iv) I _____ (work) for three hours.
 (v) She _____ (leave) for London next week.

Or

(b) Fill in the blanks with past/past continuous/past perfect tenses :

- (i) We _____ (write) the examination yesterday.
- (ii) The burglar _____ (escape) before the police arrived.
- (iii) My father _____ (teach) me to drive a car when I was eighteen.
- (iv) The water in the tank _____ (dry up) last summer.
- (v) She _____ (walk) alone when the dog bit her.

15. (a) Write an email inviting your friend to attend your Birth Day Party.

Or

(b) Draft a Memo to an employee for his being habitually late.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss the strategies put forth by the narrator to get rid of the engine in Engine Trouble.

Or

(b) Elaborate on the benefits of not quitting as suggested by Edgar Albert Guest.

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17. (a) Discuss the message of "The Road not Taken".

Or

(b) Justify the title "The Lady or The Tiger".

18. (a) Discuss about Kalam's family and the strong bond they shared with each other.

Or

(b) Prove that Sudha Murty's grandmother is a determined woman.

19. (a) Fill in the blanks with a verb form that agrees with the subject.

- (i) The population of tigers _____ (is/are) dwindling.
- (ii) Neither Ajay nor his sisters _____ (was/were) present.
- (iii) His brother and professor _____ (retire/retires) this month.
- (iv) Many _____ (want/wants) to serve the society.
- (v) Ram as well as Harry _____ (deserve/deserves) praise.

Or

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(b) Rewrite the sentences correcting the subject-verb agreement :

- (i) Tendulkar is one of the players who has won the world cup.
- (ii) The number of people we need to hire are fifteen.
- (iii) Five years are the maximum sentence for that offence.
- (iv) Neither of them are available to speak right now.
- (v) The poultry is ready for sale.

20. (a) Write a minutes of your College Union Meeting regarding the conduction of Sports Day.

Or

- (b) As the Principal of the college, send a circular announcing the celebration of Women's Day and the list of events to be conducted.
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