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Second Semester

English – Main

ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

(For those who joined in July 2016 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer.

1. The feminine gender of 'ram' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) eve (b) Ewe  
(c) eves (d) elves
2. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ milk left?  
(a) some (b) any  
(c) a (d) an



3. The hound ——— the hare.  
 (a) runs on (b) runs across  
 (c) runs after (d) runs down
4. They ——— to be punished today.  
 (a) have (b) are  
 (c) is (d) does
5. ——— is this house?  
 (a) What (b) Whose  
 (c) When (d) Which
6. I am very stupid, ———?  
 (a) amn't I (b) am I  
 (c) are I (d) aren't I
7. I ——— the work yesterday.  
 (a) did (b) do  
 (c) does (d) done
8. My ——— to the exhibition surprised all.  
 (a) come (b) coming  
 (c) came (d) comes

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9. He recommended that the boy may be admitted  
 the underlined clause is ———.  
 (a) noun clause (b) adjective clause  
 (c) adverbial clause (d) main clause
10. Being happy he kissed his children. The given  
 sentence is a ——— sentence.  
 (a) complex (b) compound  
 (c) simple (d) interrogative

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a note on articles with examples.

Or

- (b) Change the following sentences as directed.  
 (i) My ——— (foot) hurt.  
 (use plural form of noun in bracket)  
 (ii) I bought ——— pair of shoes.  
 (supply suitable article)  
 (iii) Mine are yellow. What are ———?  
 (your/yours)

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- (iv) We often deceive ————,  
(supply suitable reflexive pronoun)
- (v) I have ———— interest in music.  
(little/less).

12. (a) Briefly discuss the difference between finite and non-finite verb forms.

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) He loves to dance.  
(replace using gerund)
- (ii) My parents are planning ————  
(go) abroad. (use infinitive form)
- (iii) Till last year I ———— read without  
glasses. (use modal auxiliary)
- (iv) Asha and her brothers ————  
(is, are)
- (v) Every one of those books ————  
(is, are) fiction.

13. (a) Define a sentence. State its types with examples.

Or

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(b) Change the following as directed.

- (i) I like going to cinema  
(into negative sentence)
- (ii) She can speak Japanese.  
(rewrite as interrogative sentence).
- (iii) Cars pollute the environment, ————?  
(supply suitable question tags).
- (iv) Ram must have done it.  
(construct Wh-question for this answer).
- (v) He does not enjoy fishing.  
(change into 'yes' or 'no' type question)

14. (a) Write a note on present continuous tense.

Or

(b) Fill in the blanks using appropriate tense form.

- (i) Children ———— (likes) sweets.
- (ii) At the moment you ———— (do) an  
English exercise.
- (iii) My sister ———— (hurt) her leg.
- (iv) Yesterday I ———— (go) to the  
cinema with a friend.
- (v) By 2020 AD, man ———— (explore)  
outer space.

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15. (a) Write the rules regarding the change of personal pronouns.

Or

- (b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) "Tamil was easy to learn," she said.  
(change into reported speech).
- (ii) "Call the witness," said the judge.  
(change into reported speech).
- (iii) Raju asked me if I played cricket.  
(change into direct speech).
- (iv) He is too proud to beg.  
(replace 'too' with 'so that').
- (v) Being ill, he did not attend the party.  
(change into compound)

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Elucidate, different kinds of prepositions with examples.

Or

- (b) Change the following as directed.

- (i) Sita would like \_\_\_\_\_ help.  
(use 'some' or 'any')

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- (ii) He is the best student in the college.  
(change to comparative degree).

- (iii) I do not have \_\_\_\_\_.  
(much/many) friends.

- (iv) Her English is perfect. She speaks English \_\_\_\_\_.  
(use suitable adverb)

- (v) The cow jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the fence.  
(use suitable preposition)

- (vi) Are you the new student \_\_\_\_\_ Chennai? (use appropriate prepositions).

- (vii) You work hard. You will succeed.  
(combine using 'if')

- (viii) We cancelled the trip \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining.  
(use appropriate conjunctions)

17. (a) Discuss primary and model auxiliaries with examples.

Or

- (b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) I like to dance.  
(replace the underlined words with gerund)

- (ii) The doctor said he \_\_\_\_\_ give up smoking. (supply suitable model auxiliary)

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- (iii) Each of his brothers \_\_\_\_\_  
(was/were) intelligent.
- (iv) The Mayor, together with his wife,  
\_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) attending the  
programme.
- (v) The police \_\_\_\_\_ (has/have) not  
made any arrests.
- (vi) The meaning of the phrasal verb 'put off'  
means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(postpone/secure/wear)
- (vii) They \_\_\_\_\_ being questioned.  
(are/has/will)
- (viii) The teacher and philosopher \_\_\_\_\_  
(is/are) dead.

18. (a) Write an essay on question tags.

Or

(b) Answer as directed.

- (i) He does not like playing video games.  
(into affirmative sentence).
- (ii) We will be late.  
(change into interrogative sentence)
- (iii) He won't tell her \_\_\_\_\_.?  
(write suitable question tag)

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- (iv) I like apples the most.  
(write Wh-question for this answer)
- (v) I do not think I have left it in my locker.  
(Change into 'Yes' or 'No' question)
- (vi) He didn't recognise me, \_\_\_\_\_.?  
(use suitable question tag)
- (vii) "Eat your supper" is an \_\_\_\_\_.  
sentence.  
(interrogative/ Declarative)
- (viii) I am right, \_\_\_\_\_.?  
(suitable question tag)

19. (a) Explain the sequence of tenses with suitable examples.

Or

(b) Change as directed.

- (i) Ram \_\_\_\_\_ (write) the editorial  
now.  
(supply suitable verb form).
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ (watching) him for two  
days.  
(supply suitable verb form)
- (iii) I am working here since 2000.  
(Correct the sentence)

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(iv) When her husband arrived home, Anne  
\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television.

(use correct form of the verb)

(v) She ate the cake this morning.

(change into passive voice)

(vi) John will bring the mail tomorrow.

(change into passive)

(vii) The city has been destroyed by the  
enemies.

(change into active)

(viii) Let the door be closed at once.

(change into active)

20. (a) Elaborate the kinds of pronouns.

Or

(b) Rewrite the following as directed.

(i) Mani said, "I am very busy now".

(change into indirect)

(ii) I said to him, "Who are you?"

(change into indirect)

(iii) The boy requested the lady to give him  
something to eat. (change into active)

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(iv) The shirt was too small to wear.  
(rewrite using 'so that')

(v) How noble he is !

(change into assertive)

(vi) The aeroplane flies faster than birds.

(change into positive)

(vii) He is the best student in the college.

(change into comparative)

(viii) He won a jackpot. He built a big  
mansion.

(convert into simple sentence)

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