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First Semester

Part II — English

PROSE, SHORT STORIES, GRAMMAR AND USAGE
AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

(For those who joined in July 2012 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The author of "Voluntary Poverty" is _____.
(a) G.B. Shaw (b) M.K. Gandhi
(c) C.E.M. Joad (d) R.K. Narayan
2. Stephen Leacock narrates his _____ with
the photographer.
(a) experiences (b) fight
(c) encounter (d) romance



3. R.K. Narayan is an _____ writer.
 (a) American (b) Sri Lankan
 (c) Canadian (d) Indian
4. _____ was called as an idler.
 (a) Raman (b) Dasa
 (c) Muthu (d) Raja
5. H.H. Munro is famous for his _____.
 (a) poems (b) drama
 (c) short stories (d) novels
6. Vera is _____ years old.
 (a) 20 (b) 18
 (c) 15 (d) 17
7. Honey _____ sweet.
 (a) was (b) is
 (c) are (d) had
8. Arun _____ to Washington last week.
 (a) went (b) has gone
 (c) had gone (d) will be gone

9. My sister _____ plays Veena is an artist also.
 (a) which (b) who
 (c) whom (d) that
10. She _____ narrated the story.
 (a) myself (b) himself
 (c) herself (d) themselves

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b) in about 250 words each.

11. Explain the reference to context, the following passages.
 (a) (i) He will be interested in you because you are a foreigner.
 (ii) I would prefer to go without a meal than without the wheel and I would like you to understand this great implication of the wheel.
 Or
 (b) (i) The college boy murmured : "I wish I had taken the risk and knocked the water pot from Dasa's hand; we might have known what is contained".
 (ii) Then, when you have done all that, keep it for yourself and your friends.



12. (a) What are M.K. Gandhi's views on voluntary poverty?

Or

- (b) What does G.B. Shaw mean by "Broken English"?

13. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) Dr. Ratha is one of the best _____
(doctor/doctors) in Chennai.
(Fill in with the correct answer)
- (ii) Kavya dances _____.
(Supply a suitable adverb).
- (iii) We shall _____ tomorrow. (meet/
meet).
(Fill in the blanks with the correct word)
- (iv) We invited a M.P. for our function.
(Spot out the error).
- (v) Physics _____ (is/are) an
interesting subject.
(Supply the correct verb).

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- (b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) They are painting the hall.
(Give the passive)
- (ii) The Principal said, "Be Silent".
(Change into indirect speech)
- (iii) No other girl is so beautiful as Maya.
(Change into comparative)
- (iv) I love sweets.
(Change into the Negative form)
- (v) His nephew is an engineer.
(Add a question tag)

14. (a) Rewrite as directed.

- (i) Frame a sentence with take off.
- (ii) gold glitters that all is not.
(Arrange the words into a meaningful sentence)
- (iii) The cat jumped _____ the wall.
(Supply a suitable preposition)
- (iv) Bread _____ and butter is his
breakfast.
(Supply a suitable conjunction)
- (v) _____! we have won the match.
(Fill in the blank with an interjection).

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(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) The Ganges is the _____ of all the rivers.

(Supply a suitable adjective)

- (ii) Vibin is the tallest boy in his school.

(Change into comparative degree)

- (iii) She needs it. She will buy it.

(Join the sentences using 'if')

- (iv) In spite of his poverty, he is generous.

(Convert into a complex sentence)

- (v) Lend him a little money _____ he may live.

(Supply a suitable relative pronoun)

15. Expand any ONE of the proverbs into a paragraph of about 100-150 words.

- (a) Look before you leap.

Or

- (b) Every dark cloud has a silver lining.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b) in about 600 words each.

16. (a) What according to C.E.M. Joad are the important aspects of civilization?

Or

- (b) Bring out the humour in Stephen Leacock's essay "With the Photographer".

17. (a) What does R.K. Narayan consider as the Gateman's Gift?

Or

- (b) What message does W. Somerset Maugham convey through the "Ant and the Grasshopper"?

18. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) _____ (swim) is a good exercise.

(Start the sentence with a gerund form)

- (ii) They _____ very lucky.
(was/were)

(Fill in with a suitable verb)

- (iii) Divya studied well. She failed.

(Join the sentences using "Though")



(iv) Neither Nila nor Nilan _____
(look) pretty.

(Fill in with the correct form of the verb)

(v) Health is wealth.

(Pick out the nouns in the sentence)

(vi) Sandhya left _____ Mumbai.

(Add a suitable preposition)

(vii) Vidhya is an intelligent girl.

(Add a question tag)

(viii) The Himalayas are higher than many
other mountains in the world.

(Change into positive degree)

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed.

(i) _____ pen is this?

(Supply a suitable question word)

(ii) The bag is too heavy. I cannot lift it.

(Join the sentences using so that)

(iii) Her sister is a good singer. She is also a
good dancer.

(Join the sentences using "as well as")

(iv) We got the tickets. We ran to the train.

(Combine the simple sentences into a
complex sentence)

(v) Both Haresh and Naresh _____
(was/were) good friends.

(vi) Make a sentence with "break in"

(vii) The man _____ car was broken is
my brother.

(Supply a suitable relative pronoun)

(viii) Though he was ill, he attended the
function.

(Change into a simple sentence).

19. (a) Rewrite as directed.

(i) _____ was very obvious.

(Complete the sentence by adding a
suitable noun clause)

(ii) They bought a gift.

(Identify the sentence pattern)

(iii) Write a SVOC sentence.

(iv) Write a sentence using an interjection.

(v) Mention any two non-finite verbs.



- (vi) Give examples of any two adverbs.
- (vii) Give an example of co-ordinating conjunction and make a sentence with it.
- (viii) _____ father has arrived?
(Supply a suitable question word).

Or

- (b) Rewrite as directed.
 - (i) Give any two examples of Irregular verbs.
 - (ii) Mention any two phrasal verbs.
 - (iii) Choose any one preposition and make a sentence with it.
 - (iv) Manju practices violin.
(Change the sentence into the present continuous tense)
 - (v) You went late to class.
(Identify the tense)
 - (vi) The principal _____ to contact the old students.
(likes/is liking)
 - (vii) What a wonderful scenery!
(Identify the sentence pattern)
 - (viii) Open the door.
(Add a question tag).

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- 20. (a) Make a note on the following passage or make a precis of it.

The Prince requested the Swallow to stay with him for a day and help the poor seamstress with a sick child. She was embroidering passion flowers on a satin gown of a court lady. Her son, down with illness and malnutrition was asking for an orange but the mother could not give him anything but the river water. The Prince requested the Swallow to take the ruby out and give it to them. The Swallow took it to the house. The sick boy was tossing in his bed while his mother was sleeping. The Swallow fanned the boys forehead with his wings and returned. It was a noble gesture.

Or

- (b) Develop the hints into a story in about 200 words.

King Solomon – famous for his wisdom – one day – two women – came with – one child – both claim the child – the king thought – called assistant – cut the child into two give it to both – the real mother – started crying – don't cut my child – give it to her – king understood the truth – gave the child to the crying mother – other woman punished.

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