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Ability Enhancement Course — ENGLISH FOR  
COMPETITIVE EXAMS

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. What is one technique for effectively answering comprehension questions?
  - (a) Guessing the answers randomly
  - (b) Rereading the entire passage multiple times
  - (c) Eliminating incorrect choices
  - (d) Answering questions without reading the passage

2. How can one improve their ability to tackle comprehension questions?
  - (a) By avoiding practice tests
  - (b) By focusing only on vocabulary building
  - (c) By practising regularly and using different types of passages
  - (d) By relying solely on intuition
3. Which technique is helpful for answering comprehension questions effectively?
  - (a) Skimming the text without reading thoroughly
  - (b) Guessing the answers based on the question format
  - (c) Rereading the entire passage multiple times
  - (d) Referencing specific parts of the text to find answers
4. What is the main goal of extensive reading?
  - (a) To understand the main idea of a text
  - (b) To analyze and interpret a text deeply
  - (c) To read a large amount of material quickly
  - (d) To find specific information within a text without focusing on every detail





5. What is the main purpose of skimming when reading a text?
  - (a) To read every word carefully
  - (b) To search for specific information quickly
  - (c) To understand the deeper meaning of the text
  - (d) To skip reading altogether
6. Which reading skill is used to locate specific information or details in a text?
  - (a) Skimming
  - (b) Scanning
  - (c) Intensive reading
  - (d) Extensive reading
7. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word; The professor's lectures are always \_\_\_\_\_ and insightful.
  - (a) Boring
  - (b) Engaging
  - (c) Monotonous
  - (d) Repetitive
8. Choose the synonym for the word "concur":
  - (a) Disagree
  - (b) Convince
  - (c) Agree
  - (d) Hesitate
9. Select the antonym for the word "sparse":
  - (a) Abundant
  - (b) Meager
  - (c) Limited
  - (d) Scarce
10. Identifying Errors (Objective Question): Identify the error in the following sentence: "He don't like to eat vegetables."
  - (a) He
  - (b) Don't
  - (c) Like
  - (d) Vegetables

11. Which sentence contains an error in subject-verb agreement?
  - (a) The team plays well together
  - (b) She have a lot of friends at school
  - (c) He enjoys reading books
  - (d) They is going to the park tomorrow
12. Find the error in the following sentence: "The dog wagged it's tail happily".
  - (a) "dog wagged"
  - (b) "it's tail"
  - (c) "happily"
  - (d) No error
13. What is an important component of grammatical range and accuracy in writing?
  - (a) Using slang and informal language
  - (b) Avoiding complex sentence structures
  - (c) Demonstrating a variety of sentence types
  - (d) Ignoring punctuation rules
14. What does "planning and preparation" involve in writing?
  - (a) Writing without any prior thought or organization
  - (b) Outlining ideas and structuring the essay
  - (c) Editing and proofreading after writing
  - (d) Using only one example throughout the essay





15. Why is using examples important in writing general essays?
- (a) It makes the essay longer
  - (b) It provides evidence and supports arguments
  - (c) It distracts readers from the main point
  - (d) It is not necessary in essay writing

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

16. (a) Explain the importance of introducing a variety of reading passages when practicing comprehension skills. Provide examples.

Or

- (b) Describe the key elements of comprehension that readers should focus on when tackling a passage. How do these elements contribute to a deeper understanding of the text?

17. (a) What is skimming, and how is it different from scanning?

Or

- (b) Explain how scanning can be useful when searching for specific information in a text.

18. (a) Explain why understanding synonyms is important in language comprehension.

Or

- (b) Discuss the role of antonyms in enhancing language diversity and expression.

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19. (a) Define articles. Explain the role of articles in specifying nouns and indicating the level of specificity with example.

Or

- (b) Identify and correct the error in the following sentence: "He don't like to swim in the ocean."

20. (a) Discuss the role of planning and preparation in producing a well-structured essay.

Or

- (b) Describe how using examples can strengthen arguments in a general essay.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

21. (a) Explore various techniques that readers can employ to effectively answer comprehension questions. Provide detailed explanations and examples of each technique.

Or

- (b) Provide insights into role of consistency, perseverance and strategic approach in enhancing comprehension skills over time.

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22. (a) Explain how skimming and scanning can be applied in academic research. Provide examples of when each technique would be most useful.

Or

- (b) Discuss the importance of developing both skimming and scanning skills alongside intensive and extensive reading skills for overall reading proficiency.
23. (a) What is analogy? Discuss how analogies can aid in problem-solving and critical thinking.

Or

- (b) Explain the following
- (i) Explain the concept of analogy and provide an example of an analogy.
  - (ii) Complete the sentence with an appropriate word: "Her dedication to her studies is \_\_\_\_\_ that she has achieved outstanding academic success."
  - (iii) Complete the sentence: "Her dedication to her studies is \_\_\_\_\_".
24. (a) Define articles and provide examples of their usage. Discuss common errors related to article usage and explain how to correct them.

Or

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- (b) Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences :

- (i) "She don't like to read books".
- (ii) "I have went to the store yesterday".
- (iii) "He is a good and honest men".
- (iv) "They playing football in the park".

25. (a) Discuss the role of lexical resources and grammatical accuracy in achieving effective communication through writing. Provide examples of how a varied vocabulary and precise grammar contribute to conveying ideas.

Or

- (b) Explain how coherence and cohesion contribute to the overall quality of a general essay. Provide examples of cohesive devices and strategies for maintaining coherence throughout the essay.
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