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First Semester

Part II – English

GENERAL ENGLISH – I

(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. Malala's family lived in _____, the biggest town in the valley.
(a) Butkara (b) Mingora
(c) Swat (d) Mount Elum
2. Rabindranath Tagore was a _____ poet.
(a) Marathi (b) American
(c) Bengali (d) Irish

3. The poem "Nine Gold Medals" was inspired from an event of the Special Olympics held in _____.
(a) 1970 (b) 1961
(c) 1975 (d) 1976
4. "The School for Sympathy" was written by _____.
(a) Robert Frost (b) Aaron Shepard
(c) E.V. Lucas (d) Tagore
5. "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" is a poem published in _____ volume.
(a) The New Republic (b) New Hampshire
(c) Poems (d) Gitanjali
6. The Brocade flew away and disappeared into the direction of _____.
(a) East (b) West
(c) North (d) South
7. I love going on holiday to _____ Maldives.
(a) an (b) the
(c) of (d) a
8. Verbs are words that refer to _____.
(a) gerund (b) agreement
(c) action (d) time



9. _____ is a writing style that allows the writer to tell a story.
- (a) Narrative writing
 - (b) Persuasive writing
 - (c) Descriptive writing
 - (d) Expository writing
10. What from the following can be useful in descriptive writing?
- (a) Analogies
 - (b) Metaphors
 - (c) Similes
 - (d) All of the above

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. Annotate the following lines :

(a) "So I was born a proud daughter of Pakistan.
Though like all Swatis I thought of myself
first as Swati and then Pashtun, before
Pakistani."

Or

(b) "Where the mind is without fear and the head
is held high;
Where the knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into
fragments by narrow domestic walls;"

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12. Annotate the following lines :

(a) "The eight other runners pulled up on their
heels

The ones who had trained for so long to
compete

One by one they all turned around and went
back to help him

And brought the young boy to his feet."

Or

(b) "You're getting to be a man. You got to learn.
You got to learn to stick to your own blood or
you ain't going to have any blood to stick to
you."

13. (a) What is the central message of the poem "The
Things that Haven't Been Done Before"

Or

(b) Narrate an account of challenges faced by
Chen to reach the Sun Palace.

14. (a) Choose the correct prepositions in the
following sentences :

(i) I was born _____ July 8, 1985.
(in/on)

(ii) The bone was _____ the dog.
(for/after)

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- (iii) She has trouble _____ Jack.
(of/with)
- (iv) He is the master _____ the
ceremonies. (in/of)
- (v) They have a discussion _____
football. (about/in)

Or

- (b) What are the differences between Transitive verbs and Intransitive verbs?
- 15. (a) "All that glitters is not gold" — Explain the given proverb into a paragraph of about 250 words.

Or

- (b) Characteristics of Persuasive writing in 250 words.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

- 16. (a) Write an essay on how Malala portrays her life in a patriarchal society.

Or

- (b) Critically analyze the figurative aspects, tone and mood of the poem "Love Cycle".

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- 17. (a) Write an essay on Wordsworth's genius as a romantic poet in celebrating the ordinary events through the poem "Alice Fell, Or Poverty".

Or

- (b) Character sketch of Miss Beam in "The School for Sympathy".

- 18. (a) Comment on the tranquility of nature in contrast to the chaos of life in Robert Frost's poem. "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening".

Or

- (b) Write an essay on how the line between fantasy and reality becomes blurred in "The Magic Brocade – A Tale of China".

- 19. (a) Choose the correct article in the given options :

- (i) What _____ exciting night it was!
(a/an)
- (ii) _____ positive attitude can help you through tough times. (The/A)
- (iii) Aarthi is baking _____ cake.
(a/the)
- (iv) _____ President is giving a speech today (The/A)

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- (v) He's _____ introvert. (a/an)
- (vi) There is _____ university. (an/a)
- (vii) Do you want _____ apple or a banana? (a/an)
- (viii) I need _____ kilogram of salt. (an/a)

Or

(b) Answer the following questions :

- (i) Richard stared at himself in the mirror. (Identify the pronoun)
- (ii) The new store _____ next month, on February. (will open/opens)
- (iii) I _____ go to bed at 10'O clock. (once/usually)
- (iv) _____ are words that modify nouns. (Adjectives/Adverbs)
- (v) School begins _____ Monday. (in/on)
- (vi) She had knowledge _____ Physics. (of/in)
- (vii) A good writer must avoid _____ in a good essay. (brevity/slang)
- (viii) _____ essays are a set of one's thoughts. (Argumentative/Reflective)

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20. (a) Developing the hints :

Raju – wealthy man – happy life – wife and children – sophisticated life – greedy and cunning – tries to find treasure – orchard – in the backyard – demolish the anthill – with crowbar – the sleeping cobra – poisonous – he dies – desire – root of all evils.

Or

(b) Give your views on 'Digital Learning'.

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