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Fourth Semester

Part II - English

GENERAL ENGLISH - Paper IV

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. How, according to Chesterton, are the old men seen generally?
 - (a) They are extremely practical
 - (b) They are extremely wise
 - (c) They are extremely dull
 - (d) They are extremely skeptical.

2. Why does the narrator go to the bank?
- (a) To open a bank account
 - (b) To take a bank loan
 - (c) To return a bank loan
 - (d) None of these
3. "Where the Mind is Without Fear" is an _____ poem.
- (a) Inspirational
 - (b) offence
 - (c) glorifying
 - (d) satisfying
4. What is the obstacle Sarojini Naidu discussed in meeting her lover?
- (a) Death
 - (b) Lightning
 - (c) Plumes of fire
 - (d) Charmer
5. The Trial scene is in _____ of The Merchant of Venice?
- (a) Act I Scene IV
 - (b) Act IV Scene I
 - (c) Act II scene
 - (d) Act IV scene II
6. In the Bed Chamber Scene, Othello questions _____ about Desdemona.
- (a) Emilia
 - (b) Himself
 - (c) Bianca
 - (d) Lago

7. Which of the following is not a coordinating conjunction?
- (a) so (b) or
(c) if (d) and
8. Neither they nor I _____ mistaken. (Use suitable verb)
- (a) was (b) are
(c) is (d) were
9. The tone of the professional e-mail should be _____.
- (a) Conversational (b) Formal
(c) casual (d) None of the above
10. _____ are a permanent, formal record of the policies, decisions and other business that occur at a meeting.
- (a) Minutes (b) Agenda
(c) Email (d) No of these.

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) Write a short note on the theme of anxiety in Leacock's "My Financial Career".

Or

- (b) Discuss the moral values lie in A.G.Gardiner's "On Umbrella Morals".

12. (a) Why does Tagore say that God should make India free from the shackles of the British Rule?

Or

- (b) Explain the use of images in Owen's "Insensibility".
13. (a) Comment on the Trial scene in the "The Merchant of Venice".

Or

- (b) Describe the Balcony Scene in "Romeo and Juliet".
14. (a) Convert the following Simple Sentences into Compound Sentences.
- (i) Balu must return the money to escape punishment.
 - (ii) He is rich, yet he is unhappy.
 - (iii) Being ill, he didn't attend the party.
 - (iv) Climbing up the tree, he plucked some mangoes.
 - (v) Besides looting the house, they also set fire to it.

Or

(b) Spotting the errors

- (i) No sooner had I entered the class when the students stood up.
- (ii) One should not rely on his luck completely.
- (iii) Balu is senior than Gopi.
- (iv) Every passenger must bring their luggage.
- (v) The girl with her teacher are out in the field.

15. (a) You are the manager of a textile mill. You are going to introduce new machine for the improvement of the company and also the increase of salary to the workers. Prepare an agenda for the annual Board meeting of the company to be conducted on 6th May 2019 in the Conference Hall at 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Or

- (b) Send an e-mail to your teacher asking for the extension of the date of submission of the assignment.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)
for question 16, 17 and 18 answer in 600 words.

16. (a) Critically analyse A.G. Gardiner's essay "On Umbrella Morals".

Or

- (b) Comment on the sarcastic note of the essay Stephen Leacock's "My Financial Career".

17. (a) Tagore's vision on India exposed in the poem "Where the Mind is without fear?".

Or

- (b) The poem "Insensibility" is a sarcastic retort to the Romantic poet. - Discuss.

18. (a) Attempt an essay on the role of Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice".

Or

- (b) How does Othello come to know that Desdemona was innocent?

19. (a) Combine the following sentences using infinitives.
- (i) It is too late. We can't start a new lesson now.
 - (ii) You must help your brother, It is your duty.
 - (iii) The luggage is too heavy. I cannot lift it.
 - (iv) I have some work. I must do it tonight.
 - (v) The man took out a knife. He intended to frighten all of us.
 - (vi) The students are not able to solve the problem. It is too difficult for them.
 - (vii) Balu has enough foreign exchange. He could go to London to attend the World Tamil Conference.
 - (viii) Malar works hard to win. She works hard for that reason.

Or

- (b) Change the Negative sentences into Affirmative sentences.
- (i) I shall not forget your kindness.
 - (ii) This is no small matter.
 - (iii) They are not ready to sign the agreement.

- (iv) Latha is not a beautiful girl.
- (v) I am not sure whether you would like it.
- (vi) No one will deny that he is innocent.
- (vii) I do not possess anything else.
- (viii) Raju is not so foolish as you think.

20. (a) You are the Secretary of the People Welfare Association of your place. Prepare the minutes of the meeting for the general council that is to be held on 22.3.2019. The issues in the area are irregular drinking water supply and street lamp.

Or

- (b) Prepare your resume for the post of Assistant professor of Economics.
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