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Part II – English

GENERAL ENGLISH – I

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Our country needs great scientists, technologists and engineers with a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Strength (b) Wealth  
(c) Humanism (d) Desire
2. Stephen Leacock wants to speak about the \_\_\_\_\_ of medicine.  
(a) Popularity (b) Progress  
(c) Advantages (d) Cost

3. "The trumpet of a prophecy". What is referred to here?  
(a) The poet's words  
(b) The noise of the wind  
(c) The sound of the waves  
(d) The music of the lyre
4. Who wrote the poem, "Once upon a Time"?  
(a) Sarojini Naidu (b) P.B. Shelley  
(c) Gabriel Okara (d) Walt Whitman
5. The novel, *The Dark Room* depicts Ramani's family consisting of his wife, Savitri and \_\_\_\_\_ children.  
(a) two (b) three  
(c) four (d) five
6. The rich bungalows were found in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Lawley Extension  
(b) South Extension  
(c) Fourth Crossroad  
(d) Market road
7. Direct Speech is also called \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) reported speech (b) indirect speech  
(c) quoted speech (d) none

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8. There are \_\_\_\_\_ consonants sounds in English.

- (a) 14 (b) 24  
(c) 34 (d) 44

9. \_\_\_\_\_ of the English consonants are called fricatives.

- (a) six (b) two  
(c) nine (d) three

10. *Alibi* means \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) an evidence (b) an incident  
(c) an accident (d) up-to-date

**PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)**

Answer the following questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. Annotate the following:

- (a) (i) But we should not believe that science and technology alone are enough.  
(ii) "The difference is the word 'try'".

Or

- (b) (i) Now the doctors allow them to carry absolutely anything they like.  
(ii) And he would be right.

12. Annotate the following:

- (a) (i) Like Krishna and like Radha, encompassed with delight.  
(ii) If winter comes, can spring be far behind?

Or

- (b) (i) Now they shake hands without hearts.  
(ii) Mind not the timid – mind not the weeper or prayer.

13. (a) Describe Ramani, the patriarch of the family in the novel, *The Dark Room*.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on Savitri's attempt of suicide.

14. (a) Change the following sentences into *direct speech*:

- (i) They said that they would be leaving the next day.  
(ii) He told me that he regarded me as his worst enemy.  
(iii) I told them that they should always speak the truth.  
(iv) She said that she had written the book the previous year.  
(v) You told me that you would not be attending the meeting that day.

Or





(b) Change the following sentences into *indirect speech*:

- (i) Ravi said, "I am printing a book".
- (ii) Sylvia said, "How do you dance"?
- (iii) The Principal said, "Have you finished your homework"?
- (iv) The Judge said to them, "Bring the culprit".
- (v) "What a lovely evening!" The young woman said.

15. (a) Fill in the blanks with correct Homophones:

- (i) He is \_\_\_\_\_ (fain/feign) to address the meeting.
- (ii) I am \_\_\_\_\_ (confident/confidant) of passing the I.P.S. examination.
- (iii) They have \_\_\_\_\_ (divers/diverse) opinions.
- (iv) Nehru was in \_\_\_\_\_ (gaol/goal) for many years.
- (v) He is a \_\_\_\_\_ (knave/nave).

Or

(b) Give the meaning for the following Foreign words and phrases:

- (i) *alma mater*
- (ii) *bon voyage*
- (iii) *In situ*
- (iv) *magnum opus*
- (v) *vis-a-vis*

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer the following questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Describe the attributes required to build a great nation.

Or

(b) What is self esteem? How can it be developed positively?

17. (a) Justify the statement, "Nature offers the best recourse and bliss" in the poem, "Summer Woods".

Or

(b) Write a critical appreciation of the poem, "Ode to the West Wind".

18. (a) Sketch the role of Mari.

Or

(b) Sketch the character of Savitri.

19. (a) Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences:

- (i) Lunch/what/is/for/today.
- (ii) Company / he / a man / keeps / the / by / is known.
- (iii) Trees/either/road/were/on/of/the/there/ side.



- (iv) Education/of/the/is/goal/knowledge.
- (v) Body/the/change/of/a/can/colour/chameleon/its.
- (vi) Lining/has/silver/every/a/cloud.
- (vii) a/hand/in/bird/is/two/bush/worth/in/the.
- (viii) cured/must/cannot/what/be/endured/be.

Or

- (b) Identify the sentence pattern for the following:
  - (i) Kannan laughed.
  - (ii) We punished them.
  - (iii) He gave him a gift.
  - (iv) The old man is my grandfather.
  - (v) The boys elected me president.
  - (vi) Kala appointed Leela manager.
  - (vii) We were hungry.
  - (viii) In the morning I consulted a doctor.

20. (a) Develop the following hints into a readable passage and give a suitable title:
- Dick - actor - brilliant - strange character - insists on realism - headache to the manager - a new drama - first drinking scene - water provided in a cup as usual -

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Dick insists on liquor - manager has to buy a bottle of liquor - second scene - fight - insists on real swords - refuses to handle wooden swords - steel swords brought - third scene - hero drinks poison - manager has real poison - actor in a fix - promises to be sensible in future.

Or

- (b) Differentiate the following Homophones by writing the sentences of your own:
  - (i) adapt/adopt
  - (ii) berth/birth
  - (iii) beside/besides
  - (iv) desert/deserts
  - (v) fain/feign
  - (vi) farther/further
  - (vii) gentle/genteel
  - (viii) lea/lee.

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