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B.A./B.Sc. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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Fourth Semester

Part - II — English

GENERAL ENGLISH — II

(For those who joined in July 2020 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Which type of umbrella the author A.G. Gardiner had?
 - (a) A silk umbrella
 - (b) A cotton umbrella
 - (c) An umbrella which had a robust frame
 - (d) None of the above

2. In my visions for India, APJ Abdul Kalam has scolded the Indian media for _____ attitude.
 - (a) Its arrogant
 - (b) Its offensive
 - (c) Its negative
 - (d) Its anti-politician
3. What is the tone of the poem "Insensibility"?
 - (a) Sarcastic
 - (b) Provocative
 - (c) Sympathetic
 - (d) Ironical
4. Who conspires with autumn to ripe the fruit?
 - (a) A gleaner
 - (b) The sun
 - (c) A close-bosom friend
 - (d) Summer
5. Where does Bassanio come from to argue with Shylock *The Merchant of Venice*?
 - (a) Scotland
 - (b) England
 - (c) Estonia
 - (d) Belmont
6. Romeo promises Juliet to swear his love for her in the name of _____?
 - (a) Himself
 - (b) Sun
 - (c) Stars
 - (d) Moon



7. Which of the following is not a coordinating conjunction?

- (a) so (b) or
(c) if (d) and

8. Either I or my friend _____ attended the wedding. (use suitable verb)

- (a) has (b) are
(c) have (d) were

9. The tone of the professional email 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) None of these

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a short note on Chesterton's views on the old and the young.

Or

(b) Discuss the three visions of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

12. (a) Bring out the theme of the poem "Where the mind is without fear".

Or

(b) Explain the use of images in Owen's "Insensibility".

13. (a) How does Portia save Antonio's life in the "The Merchant of Venice".

Or

(b) How did Othello know that Desdemona was innocent?



14. (a) Convert the following compound sentences into simple sentences.

- (i) Keerthi is not only pretty but also clever.
- (ii) He was guilty and went into hiding.
- (iii) The storm subsided and we continued our journey.
- (iv) They not only looked the house but who set fire to it.
- (v) Apologies so as not to be punished.

Or

(b) Spotting the errors.

- (i) I request you to kindly help me.
- (ii) One should not rely on his luck completely.
- (iii) Scarcely had he arrived than he had to leave again.
- (iv) Every passenger must bring their luggage.
- (v) It is one of the most important memorable day in my life.

15. (a) You are the principal of a college. Your college is going to celebrate the college day. Prepare an agenda for the college committee meeting to be conducted on 18th April 2019. Your agenda comprises of the chief guest, programme for entertainment and refreshment.

Or

(b) Send an e-mail to your manager asking for the extension of two day leave as you are sick and unable to attend the duty.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

For question 16, 17 and 18 answer in about 600 words.

16. (a) Comment on the theme of A.G. Gardiner's essay "On Umbrella Morals".

Or

(b) Critically analyse 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) Discuss the passionate and rapturous offering of the self to the lover in Sarojini Naidu's poem "If You Call Me I Will Come"?



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

Or

- (b) Comment on the true love of Romeo and Juliet.
19. (a) Change the interrogative sentences into assertive sentences :
- (i) Is that the way a gentleman should behave?
 - (ii) Have you ever seen such a wonderful monument as the Taj Mahal?
 - (iii) Has he finished his work?
 - (iv) Who would not like to be rich?
 - (v) Shall I ever forget those happy days?
 - (vi) What does it matter whether we win or lose?
 - (vii) Is he very intelligent?
 - (viii) How can man remain immortal?

Or

- (b) Change the affirmative sentences into negative sentences :
- (i) I shall remember your help.
 - (ii) Mumbai is the biggest city in India.

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- (iii) It is probable that Sankar will join our party.
- (iv) Gokila is a beautiful girl in our village.
- (v) Where there is smoke there is fire.
- (vi) Everyone accepts that he is innocent.
- (vii) They were reluctant to sign the agreement.
- (viii) It is likely that the police have lost the thief.

20. (a) You are the secretary of the students union of your college. Your college is going to celebrate the college day. Prepare an Agenda and the minutes of the students council meeting to be held on 4.5.2019 in the conference hall regarding the fixation of the chief guest, programme for the function., etc.

Or

- (b) Send your resume for the post of Junior Assistant in T.V.S. company private limited, Madurai.

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