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Part II — English

GENERAL ENGLISH — I

(For those who joined in July 2016 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer.

1. Khushwant Singh's grand mother enjoyed when she
- (a) sat by her spinning wheel
  - (b) saw her grandson come home from school
  - (c) was in prayer
  - (d) fed the sparrows

2. The third beggar who met the man in black is a

- (a) Mother with two children
- (b) an ageing prostitute
- (c) a small girl
- (d) a widow

3. In 1950, Mother Teresa, founded \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) a school
- (b) Nirmal Hriday
- (c) the missionaries of charity
- (d) two hospital

4. \_\_\_\_\_ always spoke to Kalam about brave new world.

- (a) His father
- (b) S.T.R. Manickam
- (c) Jallaluddin
- (d) His school teacher

5. Sonnet 116 is a poem of \_\_\_\_\_ lines.

- (a) fourteen
- (b) sixteen
- (c) ten
- (d) eleven

6. The village school lies beside the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) sparkling stream
- (b) straggling fence
- (c) neat farm
- (d) factory

7. The proprietor of the framing shop is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Chandimal
- (b) Deepu
- (c) Datta
- (d) R.K. Laxman



8. Nathu is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) a washer boy (b) a sweeper  
 (c) an accountant (d) a barber
9. "Hero funny that sight was !" is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ sentence.  
 (a) exclamatory (b) assertive  
 (c) negative (d) imperative
10. One who works and fights for equal rights of women is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) aristocrat (b) feminist  
 (c) socialist (d) sadist

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. Explain with reference to the context the following passages :  $(2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 5)$
- (a) (i) She could never have been pretty ; but she was always beautiful.
- (ii) The misery painted in the woman's visage was not half so strongly expressed as the agency in his.

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- (b) (i) She makes you climb mountains for her.
- (ii) Half a century later, I can still feel the surge of pride in earning my own money for the first time.
12. (a) (i) Love is not love  
 Which alters when it alteration finds.  
 (ii) There, in his mansion, skill'd to rule,  
 The village master taught his little school.
- Or
- (b) (i) Yet knowing how way leads on to way  
 I doubted if I should ever come back.
- (ii) And I, with moan  
 Kissing away his tears, left others of my own
13. (a) How did Datta damage the photograph?  
 Or
- (b) Describe the scene in front of the bank and the incidents that followed.
14. (a) Fill in the blanks using a, an, some or any :
- (i) There are \_\_\_\_\_ oranges on the table.
- (ii) Raju bought \_\_\_\_\_ bottle of water.

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- (iii) Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ food in your bag?
- (iv) Please buy me \_\_\_\_\_ apple.
- (v) Stella bought \_\_\_\_\_ furniture.

Or

- (b) Give the plural forms of the following :

- (i) Child                      (ii) Man
- (iii) Mouse                      (iv) Thesis
- (v) Foot.

15. (a) Add question tag to the following sentences :

- (i) It is dark \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Shanthi loves apples \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) You can drive a car \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) They were going to the lake \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Ram killed the snake \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

- (b) Fill in the blanks with the right form of adjectives in the brackets.

- (i) Mala is a \_\_\_\_\_ (good) singer than me.
- (ii) This task is \_\_\_\_\_ (urgent) than all others.
- (iii) Savitha is the \_\_\_\_\_ (childish) of all my friends.

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- (iv) This is the \_\_\_\_\_ (busy) road in the city.
- (v) He is as \_\_\_\_\_ (brave) as a lion.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b) in about 600 words each.

16. (a) How did Khushwant singh portray his grandmother?

Or

- (b) Who are the people who had influenced Kalam in his younger days?

17. (a) Describe the village school master's character.

Or

- (b) How does Shakespeare picture true love?

18. (a) What is the main theme of 'The Last Leaf'?

Or

- (b) Consider 'Lottery Ticket' as a satire on human greed.

19. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ gold you buy here is of excellent quality.
- (ii) This \_\_\_\_\_ is brightest star in \_\_\_\_\_ sky.

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- (iii) He is fond of \_\_\_\_\_ honey.
- (iv) I met \_\_\_\_\_ one eyed beggar.
- (v) \_\_\_\_\_ Vaigai is in spate.
- (vi) This is a painting of \_\_\_\_\_ western Ghats.
- (vii) \_\_\_\_\_ hour ago, I met him in the market.

Or

(b) Fill in the blanks with pronouns :

- (i) Churchill \_\_\_\_\_ was the prime minister of England, was a great orator.
- (ii) I like rottis \_\_\_\_\_ are hot.
- (iii) Ismael constructed the house \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The dog hurt \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) This is the house \_\_\_\_\_ I lived once.
- (vi) \_\_\_\_\_ is going to pay for all this?
- (vii) Roopa and Savitha never believed \_\_\_\_\_.
- (viii) Are \_\_\_\_\_ your shoes?

20. (a) Complete the sentences with a correct word choosing from the two in brackets :

- (i) Let us \_\_\_\_\_ (proceed, precede) to the stadium
- (ii) This is a \_\_\_\_\_ (moot, mute) point, so we have to discuss it.

- (iii) He was busy \_\_\_\_\_ (pouring, poring) over the costs.
- (iv) Did you see the new \_\_\_\_\_ (stationary, stationery) shop?
- (v) You are very \_\_\_\_\_ (photographic, photogenic).
- (vi) Nothing can \_\_\_\_\_ (alter, altar) the situation.
- (vii) I get milk regularly from \_\_\_\_\_ (diary, dairy).
- (viii) Do not interfere in my \_\_\_\_\_ (personal, personnel) matters.

Or

(b) Write one-word substitutes for the following :

- (i) One who believes that God does not exist.
- (ii) One who pursues noble principles.
- (iii) An expert on matters like art, food or music.
- (iv) One who believes in economic equality.
- (v) One who believes in peace.
- (vi) One who always believes in good things.
- (vii) One who studies insects.
- (viii) One who studies about birds.

