

and the slow rotation means that objects can be kept under continuous observation for two weeks at a time, much longer than from any earth-based observatories.

For the radio astronomer the moon has an over-whelming advantage, At the centre of the far side, he will be permanently shielded from all the electrical 'noise' and interference of the earth's civilization by 2,000 miles of solid rock. To the geologist the moon represents a bonanza of mere value than all the gold mines ever found, What we learn about the evolution and geological history 'of the' moon may shed light on the origin of the earth.

Or

- (b) Develop the hints into a story in about 200 words:

An old lady becomes blind - calls in a doctor - agrees to pay large fee if cured, but nothing if not- doctor calls daily - covets lady's furniture - delays the cure - everyday takes away some of her furniture - at last cures her - demands his fees - lady refuses to pay, saying cure is not complete - doctor brings a court case -judge asks lady why she will not pay - she says sight not properly restored - she cannot see her furniture -judge gives verdict in her favour - moral.

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First Semester

Part II — English

PROSE, SHORT STORIES, GRAMMAR AND USAGE  
AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

(For those who joined in July 2012 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The two simplest and commonest words in any language are \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Yes and no (b) No and never  
(c) Can and must (d) Can and will
2. Gandhi practised \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) involuntary poverty  
(b) voluntary poverty  
(c) a wealthy life  
(d) a life of self-indulgence





3. A \_\_\_\_\_ creeps into the garden through the grass
- (a) Cobra (b) Cow
- (c) Cattle (d) Sheep
4. Govind Singh's Khaki uniform had a \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) White Collar (b) Resplendent band
- (c) Tie (d) Red collar
5. The Spaniel was \_\_\_\_\_ in colour
- (a) White (b) Brown
- (c) Black (d) Red
6. The mummy spoke in \_\_\_\_\_ language
- (a) Egyptian (b) English
- (c) Swedish (d) Latin
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was that loud noise? (Add a suitable question word)
8. He needs to have a shave (Put it into negative)
9. He has a rich voice which he can boast of (Rewrite the sentence using an infinitive)
10. My friend is quite rich. He can buy a car. (Combine the sentence using 'enough').

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:

- (a) (i) No doubt I ought to speak to my wife as carefully as I should speak to a Queen, and she to me as carefully as she should speak to a king.
- (ii) I must discard all wealth, all possession.

Or

- (b) (i) In one voice they ordered him to manage with the available things and learn not to make demands.
- (ii) Except for a short period under the Roman Empire, there have been order and safety in Europe only during the last two hundred years and even during that time there have been two revolutions and a great many wars.

12. (a) Sketch the character of Dasa.

Or

- (b) Why did Gandhi prefer a life of voluntary poverty?





13. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) India is a democratic country. (change into interrogative)
- (ii) A flock of sheep on the road delayed the march of the army (Pick out the nouns)
- (iii) She thinks *her brother* had cheated her. (Frame a suitable question so as to get words in italics as an answer)
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ is your book? (Add a suitable question word)
- (v) He used to go to this village every month. (Put it into negative).

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed:

- (i) A mango is a sweet fruit. (Rewrite the sentence in plural)
- (ii) I went to meet the \_\_\_\_\_ (headmaster) (Fill in the blank with the feminine form of the noun)
- (iii) This is the boy \_\_\_\_\_ bicycle was stolen. (Fill in the blank with relative pronoun)
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ pen was stolen? (Fill in the blank with interrogative pronoun)
- (v) Sam's \_\_\_\_\_ brother is in Mumbai (older / eldest).

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14. (a) Rewrite as directed:

- (i) To let him know is essential. (Rewrite the sentence using 'it')
- (ii) The weather was fine. We decided to go out. (Combine the sentences with present / past participle)
- (iii) I did not expect that I would get this job. (Rewrite using 'infinitive')
- (iv) I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) T.V. to \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book. (Fill in the blanks with infinitive / gerund / participle).

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed:

- (i) My brother has \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a poem. (use either the past or past participle form)
- (ii) Write a sentence using the phrasal verb "ask for".
- (iii) My brother returns home before eight. (never) (put the adverb in the proper place)
- (iv) He sat (under the tree / silently / for hours) (Rearrange the sentence in correct order)
- (v) \_\_\_\_\_ I got my first salary. I bought a watch (use a suitable conjunction).

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15. Expand ONE of the proverbs into a paragraph of about 100-150 words:

(a) An idle brain is the devil's workshop.

Or

(b) Art is long but life is short.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) What are Gandhi's views on voluntary poverty?

Or

(b) Comment on Shaw's views on spoken English and broken English.

17. (a) How does Poe bring out the scientific advancement of the ancient Egyptians through the story "Some Words With a Mummy"?

Or

(b) Bring out the moral in "The Ant and the Grasshopper".

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18. (a) Rewrite as directed:

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ house is this? (supply a suitable question word)
- (ii) Will Friday be a holiday? (Change into a statement)
- (iii) Give an example of a noun.
- (iv) Give the plural of 'appendix'.
- (v) Form the feminine of the noun 'Sultan'
- (vi) These horses tails - (Put the apostrophe wherever necessary)
- (vii) 'Lady's bag' - (Change into Plural)
- (viii) Mention the third person pronouns.

Or

- (b) Rewrite as directed:

- (i) Write a sentence using demonstrative pronoun
- (ii) I have \_\_\_\_\_ sisters. (use an adjective of Number)
- (iii) Give the comparative and superlative for the positive 'bad'
- (iv) Use 'taller than' in a sentence.
- (v) If you have \_\_\_\_\_ (some / any) milk, you please give me.

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- (vi) I meet \_\_\_\_\_ boy (use an appropriate article)
- (vii) Mr. Shankar is \_\_\_\_\_ M.P. (Insert an article)
- (viii) My uncle \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) by the morning flight tomorrow. (use the correct form of the verb)

19. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) Use 'to sleep' in a sentence
- (ii) The \_\_\_\_\_ (bark) dog frightened the boy. (use the participle)
- (iii) Give the past and past participle of 'sing'
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ (Sleep) is the ideal form of rest. (change the verb into a noun)
- (v) Give an example of an 'irregular verb'
- (vi) The house was completely \_\_\_\_\_ (burn) out.
- (vii) Use 'be up to' in a sentence.
- (viii) The talks have broken \_\_\_\_\_. (complete the sentence by using a article).

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed:

- (i) The players quarrel among themselves. (often) (put the adverb in a proper place)
- (ii) She was nervous. (Quite) (put the adverb in a proper place)

- (iii) We enjoyed the party (last evening / at Kiruba's place / very much) (Rewrite the sentence)
- (iv) The dogs barked (loudly / throughout the night / in the streets) (Rewrite the sentence)
- (v) He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ me. (use a preposition)
- (vi) \_\_\_\_\_ ! How are you? (use an interjection)
- (vii) The people sat silent. The concert was going on (use a conjunction)
- (viii) He is \_\_\_\_\_ LIC agent. (insert the correct article).

20. (a) Make a precis of the following passage.

If the full cultural impact of space exploration lies on the uncertain future, its scientific fruits are much seen at hand. The moon, on whose surface men have already walked, might have been designed as an ideal site for an astronomical laboratory. Its almost total absence of atmosphere means that seeing conditions are always perfect, not only in visible light, but also in the vitally important ultraviolet, X-ray and gamma ray regions of the spectrum, which are almost totally blocked by the earth's atmosphere. The low gravity and absence of wind force will also greatly simplify the design and erection of large instruments,

