

Historically, the desire to hoard gold at home has been primarily an occupation of the working and peasant classes, who have no faith in paper money. George Bernard Shaw defended their instincts eloquently; 'You have to choose between trusting to the natural stability or gold and the natural stability of the honesty and intelligence of the members of the Government' He said, 'and with due respect to these gentlemen, I advise you ... for gold'.

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COMMUNICATIVE GRAMMAR AND USAGE

(For those who joined in July 2012 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer

Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms:

1. The cost of computers _____ everyday.
(a) are dropping (b) is dropping
(c) were dropping (d) will drop
2. The chairman and the Manager _____ the office every week.
(a) are visit (b) visit
(c) will visits (d) visits



Use appropriate prefix / suffix to form the opposite:

3. Religious
- (a) Irreligious (b) Ungodly
- (c) Inreligious (d) Disreligious
4. Honest
- (a) Unhonest (b) Dishonest
- (c) Inhonest (d) Fraudulent

Rewrite the following sentences into imperative form.

5. One should not smoke in public places.
- (a) One should not smoke
- (b) Let us not smoke in the public.
- (c) Don't smoke in the public.
- (d) Smoking in public is prosecuted.
6. Let us open the door
- (a) Don't open the door
- (b) Let the door be opened
- (c) Let open the door
- (d) The door be opened

Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in brackets:

7. Mr. Paul ——— (i) ——— (be) a teacher. In 1980, he ——— (ii) ——— (start) his career in US.
- (a) (i) was
- (ii) is
- (iii) is being
- (iv) am
- (b) (i) had started
- (ii) has started
- (iii) started
- (iv) has been
8. He ——— (i) ——— (migrate) to India in 1990. Presently, he ——— (ii) ——— (work) in Chennai.
- (a) (i) migrates
- (ii) migrated
- (iii) has been migrating
- (iv) had migrated
- (b) (i) worked
- (ii) working
- (iii) is working
- (iv) was working



Check the following sentences for subject-verb agreement.

9. A Series of lectures _____ last week.
(a) Are delivered (b) Is delivered
(c) Was delivered (d) Were delivered
10. Neither Ram nor Rahim _____.
(a) Has come (b) Had come
(c) Haven't come (d) Hadn't come

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) Define Precis. Discuss in detail various do's and don't which have to be kept in mind while doing precis.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on various types of Essay Writing or various styles of writing?

12. (a) Write short notes on 'Note Making'.

Or

- (b) What are the Reduction Devices for Note making? Name atleast five.

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13. (a) Mark Suitable Punctuations for the following sentences.

- (i) Spain is a beautiful country the beaches are warm sandy and spotlessly clean
- (ii) The childrens books were all left in the following places Mrs Smiths room Mr Powells office and the caretakers cupboard
- (iii) She always enjoyed sweets chocolate marshmallows and toffee apples
- (iv) Sarahs uncles car was found without its wheels in that old derelict warehouse.
- (v) I cant see Tims car there must have been an accident.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on how to save words in Telegrams.

14. (a) Draft an 'Admission Open' Notice for your institution.

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- (b) Give suitable Gerund form for the following sentences in required places.

- (i) To Smoke endangers your health.
- (ii) I like to make people happy.
- (iii) I'm tired of _____ (argue).
- (iv) I've made good progress in ____ (speak) English.
- (v) To breath deeply helps you to clam down.

15. (a) Write a short note on Auxiliary verb and its function with example sentences.

Or

- (b) What are the four main sections regarding English sentence structure.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Write a job application with bio-data for the post of software engineers in Tata Consultancy Services. Assume all necessary details.

Or

- (b) Write an essay on the structure of a report. Explain project report with an example.

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17. (a) As the Purchase officer of a company write a letter inviting quotations from a few dealers for the supply of certain computer components Assume all necessary details.

Or

- (b) Imagine that you are going to launch new toilet soap in the market next month. Write an attractive slogan and design a commercial advertisement.

18. (a) Write a letter making a complaint about a few damaged sports goods mentioning all the necessary details. Assume your own from and to addresses.

Or

- (b) Write a report on a fire accident that occurred in your factory.

19. (a) Write an Essay of about 250 words describing the how to integrate the national pride among the young generation.

Or

- (b) Read the following passage and make notes:
The evolution of man from the prehistoric period right to the modern times has been a fascinating study to all the anthropologists. His progress from the destitute, completely

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left to the mercy of the nature, to a civilized being with all the modern amenities can be metaphorically called a "saga of excellence".

The multifarious problems he encountered in the remote times and his overcoming of them with his superior intelligence is a golden chapter in the story of civilization. The logical progression of his life was not completely without impediments. More often than not, he faced severe obstacles in his inching towards more comforts and pleasure.

Despite being faced with umpteen hurdles on his way, the indomitable spirit of man survived the more. Thus the story of human being can be called the greatest story ever happened.

0. (a) Assuming yourself as a Principal of an organization, draft a circular about the commencement of the Sport day and the events for students. Call for the participation on various events to be held and seek the smooth and effective conduction of the Sport Day.

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- (b) Do precis of the following passage. Also give suitable title.

GOLD

Mankind's fascination with gold is as old as civilization itself. The ancient Egyptians esteemed gold, which had religious significance to them, and king Tutankhamum was buried in a solid-gold coffin 3500 years ago. The wandering Israelites worshipped a golden calf and the legendary King Midas asked that everything he touched be turned into gold.

Not only is gold beautiful, but it is virtually indestructible. It will not rust or corrode; gold coins and products fabricated from the metal have survived undamaged for centuries. Gold is extremely easy to work with; one ounce, which is about the size of a cube of sugar, can be beaten into a sheet nearly 100 square feet in size, and becomes so thin that light passes through it. An ounce of gold can also be stretched into a wire 50 miles long. Gold conducts electricity better than any other substance except copper and silver and it is particularly important in the modern electronic industry.

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People have always longed to possess gold. Unfortunately, this longing has also brought out the worst in the human character. The Spanish conquistadores robbed palaces, temples, and graves, and killed thousands of Indians in their ruthless search for gold. Often the only rule in young California during the days of the gold rush was exercised by the mob with a rope. Even today, the economic running of South Africa's gold mines depends largely on the employment of black labourers who are paid about £ 40 a month, plus room and board, and who must work in conditions that can only be described as cruel. About 400 miners are killed in mine accidents in South Africa each year, or one for every two tons of gold produced.

Much of gold's value lies in its scarcity. Only about 80,000 tons have been mined in the history of the world. All of it could be stored in a vault 60 feet square, or a super tanker.

Great Britain was the first country to adopt the gold standard, when the Master of the Mint, Sir Isaac Newton, established a fixed price for gold in 1717. But until the big

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discoveries for gold in the last half of the nineteenth century-starting in California in 1848 and later on Australia and South Africa-there simply wasn't enough gold around for all the trading nations to link their currencies to the precious metal.

An out-of-work prospector named George Harrison launched South Africa into the gold age in 1886 when he discovered the metal on a farm near what is now Johannesburg. Harrison was given a £ 12 reward by the farmer. He then disappeared and reportedly was eaten by a lion.

One of the big gold-mining areas in the Soviet Union is the Kolyma River region, once infamous for its prison camp. The camp has gone, but in a way nothing has changed. Many ex-prisoners have stayed on to work the mines and are supervised by ex-guards.

Despite the current rush to buy gold, 75 percent of the metal goes into jewellery Italy is the biggest user of gold for this purpose, and many Italian jewelers even tear up their wooden floors and bum them to recover the tiny flecks of gold.

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