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First Semester

Part II — English

GENERAL ENGLISH — PAPER 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. For the grandmother, the happiest half-hour of the day was when she \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) sat by her spinning wheel
  - (b) saw her grandson come home from school
  - (c) was in her prayer room
  - (d) fed the sparrows.

(v) I had to cart a load of books up five flights of stairs. (to carry something with difficulty / a vehicle used to carry loads) (choose the right meaning of the word that best fits the sentence)

(vi) Please book the tickets for the afternoon show. (something you read/buy ahead of time) (choose the right meaning of the underlined word that best fits the sentence)

(vii) Give the one word equivalent of : a mixture of loud unpleasant sounds.

(viii) A racist is one who \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Complete the sentence)

\_\_\_\_\_





2. What did she do with the Pope John XXIII Prize money she received?
- (a) Set up a foundation for education
  - (b) Set up a model colony for leprosy patients in West Bengal
  - (c) Set up schools all over the country
  - (d) Set up a trust fund for the Missionaries of Charity.
3. Which of these words does the poet use to describe the school master?
- (a) Happy
  - (b) Cheerful
  - (c) Quiet
  - (d) Severe.
4. Which major theme of American poetry does the poem "The Road Not Taken" embody?
- (a) individualism
  - (b) economic independence
  - (c) pursuit of happiness
  - (d) being one with nature.

5. Behrman earned his living by \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) selling his paintings
  - (b) serving as a model
  - (c) working as a porter
  - (d) selling paints.
6. What is Dmitritch's annual income?
- (a) 1000 a year                      (b) 1200 a year
  - (c) 20000 a year                      (d) 2000 a day.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ far is Coimbatore from here?
- (a) How                                      (b) Why
  - (c) When                                      (d) What.
8. 'Strength' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Abstract noun
  - (b) Collective noun
  - (c) Proper noun
  - (d) Common noun.





9. A person who is unable to free himself from a harmful habit like taking drugs or alcoholic drinks is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) amateur (b) craftsman  
(c) driver (d) addict.

10. The antonym of the word, 'Ambiguity' is \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) clarity (b) guilt  
(c) liveliness (d) none of these.

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

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

Each answer shall not exceed 250 words.

11. Explain with reference to the context the following passages :  $(2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 5)$

- (a) (i) "It was the monopoly of harlots and beggars and not meant for gentlefolk".  
(ii) "As he had fancied himself quite unperceived he continued, as we preceded, to rail against beggars with as much animosity as before".

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(b) (i) "Mother Teresa's system of helping the poor is simplicity itself"

(ii) "He would present all his doubts to God as if He were standing nearby to dispose of them".

12. Explain with reference to the context the following passages :  $(2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 5)$

- (a) (i) "Within his bending sickles compass come".  
(ii) "For, even though vanquished, he could argue still."

Or

- (b) (i) "I took the one less travelled by"  
(ii) "And thou rememberest of what toys We made our joys".

13. (a) What thoughts about his wife and her relations began to trouble Ivan Dmitritch?

Or

(b) How did Ganpat astonish everyone?

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14. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) I am a doctor. (change into negative)
- (ii) Please give me some milk (state whether the underlined noun is countable or uncountable)
- (iii) Somebody broke my new pen. (underline the verb and say whether it is transitive or intransitive)
- (iv) A police officer is a person \_\_\_\_\_ job is to protect the citizens of this country. (Fill in the blank with a relative pronoun)
- (v) The milk is in the \_\_\_\_\_ container. (red/large/plastic) Arrange the adjectives in the right order.

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ play in the garden. (child/children) (Fill in the blanks choosing suitable word from the options given in brackets)
- (ii) Give the plural form of 'cactus'.
- (iii) Rahul bought \_\_\_\_\_ bottle of water. (A/an/any/some)
- (iv) Ramu constructed this house \_\_\_\_\_. (Complete the sentence using a reflexive pronoun)
- (v) You did not leave the door open \_\_\_\_\_? (Supply an appropriate question tag).

15. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) Give the synonym of : callous
- (ii) Give the antonym of : innocent





(iii) Differentiate between : 'plain' and 'plane'

(iv) Give the one word equivalent of : one who loves the study of books

(v) 'Nostalgia' is an expression which stands for \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

(i) Give the synonym of : vacant

(ii) Give the antonym of : courage.

(iii). Differentiate between : 'fair' and 'fare'

(iv) A person who studies birds is \_\_\_\_\_.

(v) A 'nihilist' is one who \_\_\_\_\_.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Write an essay on Khushwant Singh's "The Portrait of a Lady".

Or

(b) Comment on the character of the Man in Black.

17. (a) How does Goldsmith describe the Village Schoolmaster?

Or

(b) Summarise the poem "The Toys" by Coventry Patmore.

18. (a) Trace the course of events that happened to the photograph brought by the customer in the story "The Gold Frame".

Or

(b) "The Last Leaf" reveals the relationship between art and life – Discuss.





19. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) They have already reported for work.  
(change into a question)
- (ii) Could you please pass me \_\_\_\_\_  
book. (fill in the blank using a  
demonstrative pronoun)
- (iii) I was overcome by her 'generosity'  
(identify the underlined noun as common  
noun, proper noun, abstract noun or  
material noun)
- (iv) The minister has a high opinion of that  
social worker. (identify the adjectives)
- (v) \_\_\_\_\_ is a very comfortable pair of  
shoes. (Fill in the blank using a  
demonstrative pronoun)
- (vi) Latha and Geetha don't like \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill in with a reciprocal pronoun)

(vii) I have had my dinner, \_\_\_\_\_? (Add  
a suitable question tag)

(viii) There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ electricity at the  
hostel. (Fill in the blank using  
'a'/'an'/'some'/'any').

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) The elephants and the lions are found in  
India. (Correct the error if any, relating  
to the use of articles)
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ does the train usually come?  
(Complete the sentence using an  
appropriate question word)
- (iii) The dog hurt \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill in the  
blank with a reflexive pronoun)
- (iv) Do not worry. I was joking (just). (Insert  
the adverb given in bracket in the correct  
position)





- (v) My brother ————— a teacher. (Fill in the blank with the suitable form of 'be')
- (vi) It is ————— inspiring sight to see. (Fill in the blank using a/an/the)
- (vii) Kamala is a good player. (Identify the adjective and its kind)
- (viii) She ————— call father immediately. (necessity) (Fill in the blank with the modal verb that matches the meaning in brackets).

20. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) Provide the synonym of : animated
- (ii) Provide the antonym of : increase.
- (iii) Nothing can ————— the fact that she is my best friend. (altar, alter) (Choose the appropriate word).

- (iv) Distinguish between the pairs of words : stationary/stationery
- (v) Provide one word equivalent for : 'One who believes in God'.
- (vi) A racist is one who —————. (complete the sentence)
- (vii) She poured over the book, looking for more information. (correct the sentence)
- (viii) Distinguish between : 'waste' and 'waist'.

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) Distinguish between 'diary' and 'dairy'.
- (ii) Distinguish between 'lessen' and 'lesson'.
- (iii) We spent a weekend last winter in a luxuriant hotel in Srilanka (spot the error and correct the sentence)
- (iv) They worked continually for twenty hours without stopping. (spot the error and write the sentence correctly)

