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First Semester

Part II — English

GENERAL ENGLISH – I

(For those who joined in July 2016 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer.

1. When Kushwant Singh decided to go abroad for further studies the grandmother _____.
- (a) was upset and unhappy
 - (b) did not show any emotion
 - (c) tried to prevent him
 - (d) was happy and excited

(b) Use the following Pairs in sentences :

- (i) sensor : _____
censor : _____
- (ii) accede : _____
exceed : _____
- (iii) lessen : _____
lesson : _____
- (iv) airs : _____
heirs : _____
- (v) statue : _____
statute : _____
- (vi) allude : _____
elude : _____
- (vii) tortuous : _____
torturous : _____
- (viii) allusion : _____
illusion : _____



2. How were the first nuns of the Missionaries of Charity chosen?
- (a) After a test
 - (b) By interview
 - (c) They were personally chosen by Mother Teresa
 - (d) They were chosen by the Pope
3. What does the word 'presage' mean?
- (a) Like
 - (b) Something which comes after
 - (c) Disagree with
 - (d) Warning of something to come
4. What is the primary metaphor used in the poem "Road Not Taken"?
- (a) the woods
 - (b) the road
 - (c) the nightingale
 - (d) autumn
5. Behrman's attitude towards Sue and Johnsy was _____.
- (a) condescending
 - (b) derisive
 - (c) protective
 - (d) lackadaisical

6. Which of the following words describes Dmitritch?
- (a) Fat
 - (b) Lazy
 - (c) Happy
 - (d) Dissatisfied
7. _____ many players were injured yesterday?
- (a) How
 - (b) When
 - (c) What
 - (d) Why
8. 'Bunch' is _____.
- (a) Abstract noun
 - (b) Collective noun
 - (c) Proper noun
 - (d) Common noun
9. Anna drives _____ Maruti 800.
- (a) a
 - (b) an
 - (c) some
 - (d) any
10. The antonym of the word, 'Subside' is _____.
- (a) initiate
 - (b) ignore
 - (c) increase
 - (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. Explain with reference to the context the following passages : $(2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 5)$

- (a) (i) It was a mild fever and the doctor told that it would go. But my grandmother thought differently.
- (ii) While he thus hesitated between compassion and pride, I pretended to look another way, and he seized this opportunity of giving the poor petitioner a piece of silver.

Or

- (b) (i) She makes you climb mountains for her.
- (ii) I had not the faintest idea of the meaning of the Arabic prayers chanted, but I was totally convinced then they reached God.

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

- (a) (i) It is the star to every wandering bark.
(ii) Or, if severe in aught,
The love he bore to learning was in fault.

Or

- (b) (i) I doubted if I should ever come back.
(ii) Ah, when at last we lie with tranced breath,

13. (a) Describe Behrman and his success in the field of art.

Or

- (b) What were some of the things that Ivan Dmitrich would have liked to do had his wife win the lottery?

14. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) He has three daughters. (Change into negative)
(ii) Make some more tea. (Change into assertive)
(iii) Karan might play football. (Change into imperative)
(iv) It rains a lot in Kerala. (Change into exclamatory)
(v) What a wonderful sight! (Change into assertive)

Or



(b) Provide plural forms of the following nouns :

- (i) diagnosis
- (ii) focus
- (iii) foot
- (iv) fungus
- (v) goose.

15. (a) Give synonyms for the following:

- (i) broad
- (ii) elementary
- (iii) futile
- (iv) mandatory
- (v) wreck.

Or

(b) Give antonyms for the following :

- (i) full
- (ii) timid
- (iii) success
- (iv) strict
- (v) host.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) How does the biographer depict the portrait of Mother Teresa?

Or

(b) Write about Kalam's parents and their influence on him.

17. (a) Write an essay on 'Toys'.

Or

(b) Examine the message of "The Road Not Taken".

18. (a) How does the story "The Last Leaf", reveal the relationship between art and life?

Or

(b) Summarise "The Lottery Ticket".



19. (a) Rewrite the following sentences, adding question tags to them. Remember to place a comma between the tag and the preceding statement.

- (i) Jegan repaired the clock
- (ii) It is not dark
- (iii) They were going to the lake
- (iv) The bus had left by the time we got there
- (v) You are trying to find someone
- (vi) Pavan has not kept his word.
- (vii) The bread will become soggy.
- (viii) His parents would not have left before yesterday.

Or

- (b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with reflexive pronouns.

- (i) Ramu constructed this house _____.
- (ii) They _____ are responsible for the incident.
- (iii) Do your homework _____.
- (iv) The mat _____ had to be taken off the floor.
- (v) The dog hurt _____.
- (vi) The crowd _____ disappeared after a while.
- (vii) The office blamed _____ for the delay in executing the project
- (viii) I _____ had to leave the house after the incident.

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20. (a) Complete the sentences with an appropriate word chosen from the two in brackets.

- (i) Nothing can _____ the fact that she is my best friend. (altar, alter)
- (ii) The little child is frightened of thunder and _____ (lightning, lightening)
- (iii) This is a _____ point, so we have to discuss it. (moot, mute)
- (iv) He was busy _____ over the costs. (pouring, poring)
- (v) We were taken round the company's _____ (premises, premise)
- (vi) Have you seen the new _____ shop? (stationary, stationery)
- (vii) The student was given a fee _____ (waver, waiver)
- (viii) You are very _____ (photographic, photogenic)

Or

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