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Language – Part II – English

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours

Maximum Marks : 90

- Instructions : (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
- (2) Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

- (i) Answer all the questions. 20x1=20
- (ii) Choose the most suitable answers from the given four alternatives and write the answers along with the corresponding option codes.

Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

1. then as trade slackened we went over.
(a) commenced (b) improved (c) continued (d) reduced
2. and no more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success.
(a) attract (b) disappoint (c) taunt (d) encourage
3. You may seeing your car pulled up by his insolence of office, feel that your liberty has been outraged.
(a) rudeness (b) greediness (c) laziness (d) sloppiness

Choose the most appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. One does not feel wise, brave or more optimistic.
(a) realistic (b) pessimistic (c) pragmatic (d) naturalistic
5. He had a malignant tumour of the bone.
(a) harmful (b) moderate (c) benign (d) terminal
6. She was a very frail girl.
(a) strong (b) brilliant (c) wealthy (d) modem

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7. Choose the correct American English word for 'pavement'.
- (a) pedestal (b) scaffold (c) pavilion (d) sidewalk
8. Form a derivative by adding a suitable prefix to the rootword 'belief'.
- (a) mis_____ (b) dis_____ (c) non_____ (d) un_____
9. Choose the word that cannot be added after 'over' to form a compound word.
- (a) piece (b) board (c) flow (d) coat
10. The study of principles of beauty is _____.
- (a) Numismatics (b) Aesthetics (c) Phonetics (d) Linguistics
11. A person who is unable to pay his debts is a _____.
- (a) traitor (b) bankrupt (c) tyrant (d) convict
12. Choose the right word to replace the phrasal verb in the following sentence.
On hearing the shocking news, the woman passed out.
- (a) trembled (b) wailed (c) perspired (d) fainted
13. Choose the suitable meaning of the idiom in the following sentence.
The medical shop is round the corner.
- (a) in the farthest end (b) near the junction
(c) at a short distance (d) around the traffic circle
14. Choose the most appropriate word from the given confusables and fill in the blank.
The astronomers recently _____ a new planet in our solar system.
- (a) invented (b) discovered
(c) diagnosed (d) investigated
15. Choose the right plural form of the word 'apparatus'.
- (a) apparatuses (b) apparati (c) apparatusis (d) apparaties
16. Choose the appropriate expansion of the acronym 'PAN'.
- (a) Personal Aggregate Number
(b) Private Authentic Number
(c) Postal Assurance Number
(d) Permanent Account Number
17. Choose the appropriate links from the following sentence.
_____ my father arrived home, I narrated the incident.
- (a) As soon as (b) Besides (c) If (d) Although

18. Fill in the blanks with appropriate article.
I am _____ eldest in the family.
(a) an (b) the
(c) a (d) none of the above
19. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.
The child hid his toy car under the cot.
(a) SVOA (b) SVCA (c) SVOC (d) SVIDO
20. Fill in the blank with the most suitable preposition.
The sun faded _____ a stir of mist.
(a) upon (b) behind (c) among (d) during

PART - II
SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow. Choose any 4 sets.

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21. "We watched the mowers in the hay."
(a) Who does 'we' refer to?
(b) What work do the mowers do?
22. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung."
(a) Who is the giant here?
(b) Mention the figure of speech used in this line.
23. "The Marshal's in the market-place
And you'll be there anon."
(a) Where does the soldier ask Napoleon to go?
(b) Why does he want the emperor to go there?
24. "Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail."
(a) What is a 'satchel' ?
(b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
25. "Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy."
(a) Explain the comparison made here.
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
26. "For some three suns to store and hoard myself,
And this gray spirit yearning in desire."
(a) Explain "three suns".
(b) Who speaks these words?

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SECTION - 2

Answer any three questions.

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27. Vivek is taking the kids on a picnic today. (Change the voice)
28. The curator of the museum said to the visitors, "Don't touch these paintings, please." (Change into indirect speech)
29. You should sleep well, otherwise you will ruin your health. (Change into complex using 'unless')
30. A young lady sold me this gold chain. I want to meet her. (Combine using the relative pronoun 'who')

PART - III

SECTION - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2x3=6

31. "He works his work, I mine."
32. "O sweet companions, loved with love intense,
For your sakes, shall the tree be ever dear."
33. "Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed."

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following in not more than 30 words.

2x3=6

34. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.
35. What injuries did the Barnard couple sustain in the accident ?
36. Why did Hillary become clumsy-fingered and slow-moving ?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Describe the process of cleaning the salt-stained and slippery floor tiles in your washroom.
38. A tenant is facing an acute water scarcity. He meets the landlord to explain the situation and request him to address the problem. Frame a dialogue between the tenant and the landlord discussing the issue.

39. Write a slogan for each of the following.
- to advertise a fairness cream.
 - to create awareness on the importance of educating girl child.
 - to advertise a baby food product.
40. Complete the proverbs with the right options.
- The squeaky wheel gets the _____.
(i) diesel (ii) resin (iii) grease (iv) water
 - People who live in glass houses should not throw _____.
(i) pellets (ii) stones (iii) garbage (iv) marbles
 - The _____ is always greener on the other side.
(i) brook (ii) parrot (iii) moss (iv) grass

PART - IV**Answer the following.**

7x5=35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- Enumerate the eleven golden rules to be followed to prepare a perfect cup of tea, as suggested by George Orwell.

OR

- How does A.G. Gardiner distinguish between individual liberty and social freedom through his essay 'On the Rule of the Road' ?

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- How does Shakespeare describe the seven different roles played by man during his life-time ?

OR

- Bring out the qualities of the young French soldier as portrayed by the poet in "Incident of the French Camp".

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the given hints.

- Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - lives with family - goes to Nizhny fair - meets a merchant friend - during travel - stays in an inn - leaves inn before daybreak - gets arrested - innocent prisoner - accused of murder - spends 26 years in prison - meets Makar - Aksionov saves Makar - Makar feels guilty - confesses his crime - Aksionov forgives criminal - dies peacefully.

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- (b) Ausable - secret agent - in his room - criminal enters - holds a pistol - Ausable turns anxious - wants to save - important documents - spins a clever story - uses presence of mind - makes Max believe - presence of balcony - someone knocks door - Ausable says - called police to safeguard papers - Max gets terrified - jumps out - gets killed.

44. (a) Summarize the following passage in about 100 words.

The three fundamental essentials for existence of man in this planet are food, clothing and shelter. In pre-historic times, human beings dwelt in caves to protect and shield themselves from wild animals and harsh weather conditions. In the course of evolution, man developed the ability to build his own shelters in convenient locations using the materials available locally. The concept of fabricated permanent shelters thus came into being. The term 'shelter' as a basic necessity is perceived differently by different people. People house themselves in different types of shelters based on the preferred geographical locations, climate, affordability, job or business based compulsions and availability of desired facilities and infrastructure. In remote Northern Polar Regions, people live in shelters made of ice blocks called 'igloos'. In deep jungles, the tribes live in stilted houses constructed out of materials available in the forest. In plains, people live in villages, suburbs and cities, where a multitude variety of need-based shelters are constructed. Most of the people in villages live in individual houses that are self-containing. In suburbs, people live in bungalow type houses in areas connected by roads and provided with basic amenities. In cities, we find people residing in individual houses as well as multi-storeyed buildings. The individual units in the multi-storeyed buildings are known as apartments. Here people share all common amenities and utilities. Gated communities are also formed, wherein a big cluster of individual houses are enclosed in an exclusive area with access control. People at times temporarily stay in farm houses for rest and relaxation. They stay there to manage cultivation and farming activities as well. Some people reside in ranch houses in order to monitor and take care of vast stretches of private lands that are usually not fenced. Man has thus learnt not only to put a roof over his head but also in a way that suits all his needs.

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the topic 'The Importance of Personal Hygiene.'

45. (a) Write a letter to the Headmistress of your school, requesting her to grant you a fee concession. Give reasons to support your application.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend, whose mother is admitted in hospital for a heart surgery.

46. (a) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

Gods are happy in their heaven,
When women are honoured upon the earth,
Not it is a favour for them,
But to respect their merit alone.

Their hopes do live in dreams at night,
To make them true in broad day-light,
They don't have any sign in sight,
This is in fact their miserable plight.

Women are holy by their birth,
Sacred are their ways of life,
In pious ways they spare their time,
Serving God through serving all.

If women are fearless, frank and free,
And lead a simple and humble life,
And treated with a sense of love,
This world will turn a heaven indeed !

Questions :

- (i) When, according to the poet, do Gods in heaven feel happy ?
- (ii) What is considered as the miserable plight of women ?
- (iii) Why does the poet call the life of women sacred ?
- (iv) How can this world be transformed into a heaven ?
- (v) Suggest a suitable title to the poem.

OR

- (b) Develop the hints into a story of about 150 words.

An unhappy King - subjects very lazy - wants to teach - lesson - places a big stone - middle of a busy road - people pass - no one removes stone - stays there - one whole week - curse the King and Government - King orders soldiers - roll the stone aside - front of public - people find box - full of gold coins - a note reads - "gift to the one who removes stone" - people hang heads down - feel ashamed - King blames people - laziness and sense of irresponsibility.

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47. (a) Spot the errors in the following sentences and correct them suitably.
- (i) No sooner did the actor enter the stage, when the audience shouted in excitement.
 - (ii) Let's change the curtains today, can we ?
 - (iii) Everyone know that smoking is injurious to health.
 - (iv) We have decided to follow an uniform system of appraisal.
 - (v) The sparrow is one of the most smallest birds I have seen.

OR

- (b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.
- (i) The children remained _____ for _____ some time. (quite/quiet)
 - (ii) My parents _____ never _____ (beat) me so far. (use the correct tense form of the verb)
 - (iii) I _____ not violate the traffic rules at any cost. (use a semi-modal verb)
 - (iv) The Manager congratulated the team members _____ the Management. (use a suitable prepositional phrase)

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