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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 pen to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

- Note :** (i) Answer all the questions. 20×1=20
- (ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write both the option code and the corresponding answer for each question.

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

- When our ridicule overstepped the limits, Amma would pretend to chide us.
(a) scold (b) tease (c) thrash (d) advise
- I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.
(a) hatred (b) hunger (c) insecurity (d) suffering
- The snow on this face was dangerous, but we persisted in our efforts to beat a trail up it.
(a) rejoiced (b) focussed (c) continued (d) survived

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

- We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone be wise or ridiculous conventional or odd.
(a) inhuman (b) abnormal (c) unskillful (d) illogical
- I opened it the way I had the first and its contents vanished.
(a) overflowed (b) developed (c) shattered (d) appeared

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6. Everything is so difficult now, food is so scarce and dear.
(a) nutritious (b) expensive (c) adequate (d) important
7. Choose the word that can be added after 'good' to form a compound word.
(a) will (b) idea (c) news (d) deed
8. Choose the right combination of words used to form the blended word 'staycation'.
(a) stray + education (b) stray + allocation
(c) stay + location (d) stay + vacation
9. Choose the right expansion of the acronym 'RAW'.
(a) Results and Analyses Wing (b) Research and Analysis Wing
(c) Review Action Wing (d) Resource Application Wing
10. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
I do wish that Joel wouldn't leave _____ of water on the landing!
(a) peals (b) piles (c) pails (d) pales
11. Replace the underlined word in the given sentence with its unclipped form.
The pleasant music at the party is spreading good vibes among the guests.
(a) vibrations (b) vibratos (c) vibriosis (d) vibraphones
12. Choose the word that has been misspelt.
(a) encouragement (b) misapparopriate
(c) precautionary (d) unambiguous
13. Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the given sentence.
I did not become Lord Weston by twiddling my thumbs and hoping for favours.
(a) cheating others (b) facing failures
(c) showing hatred (d) being idle

14. Choose the word that cannot form a derivative with the suffix '-ship'.
- (a) champion (b) craftsman (c) apprentice (d) container
15. Choose the monosyllabic word from the given options.
- (a) trifle (b) alarm (c) vague (d) worthy
16. The police seized a lorry loaded with smuggled goods.
- Replace the British English word with its equivalent in American English.
- (a) caravan (b) truck (c) tanker (d) wagon
17. Fill in the blank with the suitable sentence connective.
- It's already very late and you can't leave now. _____, it is raining heavily.
- (a) Moreover (b) Nevertheless (c) Consequently (d) Meanwhile
18. Replace the phrasal verb with the most appropriate single word.
- The soft snow made a route which sometimes held my weight but often gave way suddenly.
- (a) crumbled (b) expanded (c) hardened (d) splashed
19. The task force managed to complete the project on time _____ many challenges.
- Choose the suitable prepositional phrase to fill the blank.
- (a) in favour of (b) in lieu of (c) in honour of (d) in spite of
20. Identify the right pattern of the following sentence.
- We must not throw garbage on the streets.
- (a) SVOC (b) SVIDO (c) SVOA (d) SVAA

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PART - II

SECTION-1

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

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21. "A film the mother-eagle's eye
When her bruised eaglet breathes:"
(a) Explain the comparison made in these lines.
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
22. "... while on lower boughs
His puny offspring leap about and play;"
(a) Whose offspring is mentioned here ?
(b) Where is it playing ?
23. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock."
(a) How should one face life ?
(b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
24. "... I mete and dole
Unequal laws unto a savage race,
That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and know not me."
(a) Who is the speaker here ?
(b) What does he say about his subjects ?
25. "How can this shameful tale be told?
I will maintain until my death"
(a) Which aspect of the tale is considered shameful ?
(b) Mention the figure of speech used here.
26. "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth."
(a) What are the distinguishing features of man in this stage ?
(b) Explain the phrase 'bubble reputation.'

SECTION-2

Do as directed.

Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. After removing the shoes, the boy jumped into the river.
(Rewrite as a compound sentence)
28. My parents do not allow me to eat junk food.
(Change into passive voice)
29. Mickey Mouse is one of the most popular cartoon characters among children.
(Rewrite using the comparative degree of adjective)
30. Change into reported speech.
Weston : Did you open the door to the gardener ?
Roger : No, my lord. I spoke through the shutter.

PART - III
SECTION-1

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

2x3=6

31. "His youthful hose, well sav'd, a world too wide
For his shrunk shank;"
32. "What could they offer us for bait?
Our captain was brave and we were true..."
33. "How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!"

SECTION-2

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

2x3=6

34. Why does Orwell prefer a cylindrical teacup to a flat one ?
35. What were the various jobs undertaken by Nicola and Jacopo ? What made them work so hard ?
36. How was the chair made and how did the villagers react to it ?

SECTION-3

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics.
(a) Blood Donation
(b) Importance of Education
(c) Textile Showroom
38. Write atleast 5 different ways of keeping your eyes healthy and maintaining good eyesight.

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39. Choose the right word from the list and complete the proverbs given below.

- (a) Bare words buy no _____.
- (i) butter (ii) beauty (iii) barley
- (b) The squeaky wheel gets the _____.
- (i) grease (ii) glue (iii) gelatin
- (c) Keep your friends close, and your _____ closer.
- (i) relatives (ii) enemies (iii) neighbours

40. Study the following table and write three sentences on your inference about the data.

Indian Premier League, 2023.

Teams qualified for Play-offs

RANK	TEAM	M	W	L	N/R	P	NRR
1	Gujarat Titans	14	10	4	0	20	+0.809
2	Chennai Super Kings	14	8	5	1	17	+0.652
3	Lucknow Super Giants	14	8	5	1	17	+0.284
4	Mumbai Indians	14	8	6	0	16	-0.044

M - Matches N/R - No Result (game abandoned)

W - Won P - Points

L - Lost NRR - Net Run Rate

PART - IV

Answer the following.

7x5=35

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

- (a) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Barnard perceive a new dimension of life?

OR

- (b) Give an account of the preparations made by Hillary and Tenzing before they set off to the summit.

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

- (a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the casuarina tree.

OR

- (b) Explain how the poet guides his son to face the challenges of life, when he was on the threshold of manhood.

43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.

- (a) Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - small family - trip to Nizhny Fair - meets merchant friend - stays at inn - Aksionov arrested - murder case - shifted to mines of Siberia - innocent convict for 26 years - grew old and weak - spent time in prayers - life of saint - respected by inmates - meets Makar and saves him - Makar feels guilty - confesses his crime - Aksionov forgives criminal - dies peacefully - order for release.

OR

- (b) Lord Weston - Judge in England - Roger's request - holiday - not happy - discovers a piece of paper - "Remember Caesar" - plot to kill - victim of fair judgement - warning message on Caesar's assassination - 15th of March - takes precautionary measures - shuts doors and windows - sends away cook and gardener - Weston recollects - reminder message - Caesar, a gardener - appointment given - Weston's absent - mindedness.

44. (a) Write a summary of the following passage.

We need to use our energy sources wisely and economically and conserve as much of our energy resources as we can. How can we do this ?

Firstly, we must reduce our dependence on non-renewable resources. For example, can we design or invent vehicles that do not use petrol or diesel as fuel ? If we can, then we can reduce our consumption of petroleum. Many scientists and engineers are working on this idea. Can we use water and wind power, rather than diesel or petrol or coal power to generate electricity ?

Secondly, we must look for and use alternative fuels and sources. Rather than using coal, kerosene or cooking gas, can we use animal wastes or plant wastes ? We have learnt to extract energy from animal wastes such as cow dung and plant wastes. One successful method is to ferment animal waste in closed containers and produce a gas called biogas, which is just as good as cooking gas. The waste from the biogas plant can be used as manure in fields and plantations. A second example is the use of windmills, where wind is used to turn a paddle wheel to produce electricity or to lift water.

Thirdly, we must make greater and cleverer use of the sun. The sun is a perennial source of light and heat for the earth, and it is absolutely free! If we could devise methods for capturing the heat and light from the sun and transforming it into electricity, mankind could benefit greatly.

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph on an interesting news item you have read or heard about, in recent times.

45. (a) Write a letter of application to the Manager of a glass manufacturing company for the post of clerk. Enclose a detailed Bio-data with the covering letter.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend describing your plans for the upcoming summer holidays.

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46. (a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) The _____ stored the unsold grain bags in the _____. (cellar/seller)
- (ii) The children are very happy with the new car. (Add a suitable question tag)
- (iii) Mahathi is _____ a great singer _____ a talented violinist.
(Fill in the blanks with a correlative conjunction)
- (iv) If I _____ (see) your message, I would have come to the airport to receive you. (Use the correct form of the verb)

OR

(b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and write them correctly.

- (i) My mother asked me when would I return from school.
- (ii) There weren't much women tourists in the group.
- (iii) One of my sister lives in Canada.
- (iv) The Captain as well as his soldiers were ready to face the enemy assault.
- (v) I borrowed these books at the library.

47. (a) Imagine that you are vacating your house and relocating to another city. You are contacting an employee of a Packers and Movers Company to shift your household things. Build a telephone conversation with that employee in not less than seven exchanges.

OR

(b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Dr. Carver was an American Black slave, who by dint of his ability became a scientist and educator of world-wide fame. A national monument has now been erected to honour him. This monument has been built at his birth-place in the United States of America. Carver's life and achievements prove the American saying: "You can't keep a great man down." From childhood he showed qualities which gave promise of his genius. He would get up before sunrise to study the wonders of nature before the break of dawn. His guardians wanted to educate him but were too poor to do so. So, he left home when he was hardly ten years old, and began to work at small jobs. Thus he earned a little money for his school expenses. He continued to do so even when he was at college. Thus he passed his M.Sc. examination and became a professor. There he wrote several books on scientific subjects. His chief desire was to do the greatest good to the greatest number of people. He left all his life's savings to found scholarships for research in Agricultural Chemistry. He knew that this research was bound to benefit farmers all over the world. Though world-famous, he never felt proud of his discoveries. "I discovered nothing," he once said, "I am God's agent - the instrument through which He works."

Questions :

- (i) How does Dr. Carver's life prove that "you can't keep a great man down" ?
- (ii) What can you say about the early life of Dr. Carver ?
- (iii) What did Dr. Carver do with his life's savings ?
- (iv) How was he honoured for his commendable achievement ?
- (v) Is there anything to prove that Dr. Carver was a humble person ?

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ENGLISH - ANSWER KEY

MAXIMUM MARKS : 90

1. Answers written only in Black or Blue ink should be evaluated.
2. Full marks should be awarded only for the answers without any spell mistakes and grammatical errors.
3. Answers for more than specified number of questions should be struck and labelled as "extra".
4. Answers without question-numbers should not be evaluated.
5. In Part - 1 (Question No 1 to 20), marks should not be awarded, if the option codes and the corresponding answers don't match. (in case the student has written both).

PART- 1		
Answer all the questions		20×1=20
Q.No	Answers	Marks
	Choose the correct Synonyms for the underlined words from the options given	
1	a) Scold	1
2	d) Suffering	1
3	c) Continued	1
	Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the options given	
4	b) Abnormal	1
5	d) Appeared	1
6	c) Adequate	1
7	All options can be awarded mark	1
8	d) Stay + vacation	1
9	b) Research and Analysis Wing	1
10	c) Pails	1
11	a) Vibrations	1
12	b) Misappropiate	1
13	d) Being idle	1
14	d) Container	1
15	c) Vague	1
16	b) Truck	1
17	a) Moreover	1
18	a) Crumbled	1
19	d) In spite of	1
20	c) SVOA	1

PART - II
(SECTION - 1)

Read the following sets of Poetic lines and answer any four sets

4×2 = 8

Q.No	Answers	Mark
21	a) Napoleon is compared to Mother Eagle and the Soldier to an Eaglet.	1
	b) Bruised - Breathes	1
22	a) Monkey's or Baboon's offspring	1
	b) on the lower branches / boughs / on the trees / casuarina tree	1

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23	a) with courage / like a steel, like a rock / boldly / strongly / hard b) Metaphor	1 1
24	a) Ulysses / The King / King of Ithaca b) They are savages who do nothing but hoard, sleep and feed	1 1
25	a) Betrayal / Disloyalty by the warder / the act of treachery / they lost the castle without fight or effort b) Rhetorical question / Alliteration / Interrogation	1 1
26	a) Jealous in honour / sudden and quick in quarrel / seeks reputation / honour and fame b) Temporary fame/ short lived glory.	1 1

(SECTION - 2)

Do as directed

Answer any three questions

3×2=6

27	The boy removed / had removed the shoes and / and then / at once jumped into the river.	2
28	I am not allowed to eat junk food by my parents. or I am not allowed by my parents to eat junk food. or Junk food is not allowed by my parents to be eaten by me.	2
29	Mickey mouse is more popular than (many / most) other cartoon characters among children.	2
30	Weston asked Roger if / whether he had opened the door to the gardener. Roger replied negatively (to his lord) that he had spoken through the shutter.	2

PART - III

(SECTION - 1)

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context

2×3=6

	Name of the Poem	1
	Name of the Poet	1
	Explanation	1
31	POEM: All the world's a stage POET : William Shakespeare	
32	POEM: The Castle POET : Edwin Muir	
33	POEM: Ulysses POET : Alfred Tennyson	

(SECTION - 2)

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

2×3=6

34	According to Orwell the cylindrical cup holds more tea and keeps it warm / keeps it hot.	3
35	Hawking news papers, Shining shoes, selling fruits, Guiding tourist guides / ran errands. They had worked hard for their sister's treatment.	2 1
36	The Chair was made of black wood/shining/beautiful. Perfectly shaped front legs/ curved back legs The villagers arrived in hordes / groups to see the chair, few stroked, Commended	3

Answer any three of the following

37	Any suitable slogan / Relevant phrases / words can be awarded marks	3×3=9
38	Five Precautions to keep your eyes healthy and good eyesight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete meaningful sentences • Sentences with a few mistakes • Sentences with many mistakes 	3 2 1
39	Complete the proverb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) (iii) barley b) (i) grease c) (ii) enemies 	1 1 1
40	Write three sentence about the data Three meaningful sentences. Three sentences with few mistakes. Three sentences with many mistakes.	1 1 1

PART - IV

Answer the following

41 (a)Or(b)	Prose Paragraph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content - (60%), Language, Style and organization (40%) • Exceptionally good paragraph • Correct answer with all points with no mistakes • Correct answer with a few mistakes • Answer with a few points • Answer with a few points and many mistakes 	7×5=35 5 4 3 2 1
42 (a)Or(b)	Poem Paragraph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content - (60%), Language, Style and organization (40%) • Exceptionally good paragraph • Correct answer with all points with no mistakes • Correct answer with a few mistakes • Answer with a few points • Answer with a few points and many mistakes 	5 4 3 2 1
43 (a)Or(b)	Supplementary Paragraph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content - (60%), Language, Style and organization (40%) • Exceptionally good paragraph • Correct answer with all points with no mistakes • Correct answer with a few mistakes • Answer with a few points • Answer with a few points and many mistakes 	5 4 3 2 1
44 (a)	Write a summary of the following passage. Summarising - Format Rough Copy / Rough Draft / First Copy / First Draft Fair Copy / Fair Draft / Final Copy / Final Draft Suitable Title (an exceptional summary can be awarded Maximum Marks. The numberof words in the Fair Draft need not be taken in to account)	1 3 1

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23	a) with courage / like a steel, like a rock / boldly / strongly / hard b) Metaphor	1 1
24	a) Ulysses / The King / King of Ithaca b) They are savages who do nothing but hoard, sleep and feed	1 1
25	a) Betrayal / Disloyalty by the warder / the act of treachery / they lost the castle without fight or effort b) Rhetorical question / Alliteration / Interrogation	1 1
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(SECTION - 2)

Do as directed

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29	Mickey mouse is more popular than (many / most) other cartoon characters among children.	2
30	Weston asked Roger if / whether he had opened the door to the gardener. Roger replied negatively (to his lord) that he had spoken through the shutter.	2

PART - III

(SECTION - 1)

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context

2×3=6

	Name of the Poem Name of the Poet Explanation	1 1 1
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32	POEM: The Castle POET : Edwin Muir	
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(SECTION - 2)

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2×3=6

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36	The Chair was made of black wood/shining/beautiful. Perfectly shaped front legs/ curved back legs The villagers arrived in hordes / groups to see the chair, few stroked, Commended	3

(b)	<p>Paragraph writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content - (60%), Language, style and organization (40%) • Exceptionally good paragraph • Correct answer with all points with no mistakes • Correct answer with a few mistakes • Answer with a few points • Answer with a few points and many mistakes 	<p>5 4 3 2 1</p>
45 (a)	<p>From } To } Salutation } Subject } Body of the letter Subscription, place date Bio Data</p>	<p>1 1 1 1 1</p>
(b)	<p>Informal Letter</p> <p>Distribution of marks - Format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place and date • Salutation • Body of the letter • Subscription • Address on the envelope } 	<p>1 1 2 1</p>
46 (a)	<p>Fill in the blanks appropriately.</p> <p>I. Seller, cellar II. Aren't they? III. Not only..... But also / Neither... Nor / both..... and IV. Had seen</p>	<p>2 1 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ 1</p>
(b)	<p>Spot the errors and write them correctly</p> <p>i. My mother asked me when I would return from school ii. There weren't many women tourists in the group iii. One of my sisters lives in Canada iv. The Captain as well as his soldiers was ready to face the enemy assault / The captain and his soldiers were ready to face the enemy assault. v. I borrowed these books from the library.</p>	<p>1 1 1 1 1</p>
47 (a)	<p>Telephone Conversation</p> <p>Exceptionally good response Seven meaningful exchanges without mistakes Meaningful exchanges with a few mistakes Meaningful exchanges with many mistakes</p>	<p>5 4 3 2</p>
(b)	<p>Read the following passage and answer the questions</p> <p>I. Dr. Carver was a slave but he became a scientist and educator by his ability. II. American Black slave, got up before sunrise, very poor, left home at ten years old, did small jobs (Any one point) III. Dr. Carver used his life's savings to found scholarships for research in Agricultural Chemistry. IV. A National Monument has been built in America to honour him. V. Yes / He never felt proud</p>	<p>1 1 1 1 1</p>
	<p>(a) "I discovered nothing" (b) I'am God's agent } (Any one)</p>	<p>1 1</p>