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Language – Part B – ENGLISH – Paper I

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Time Allowed : 2½ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

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

SECTION - A**(VOCABULARY : 20 MARKS)****PART - I**

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words :

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The children stared at the Taj Mahal which was an amazing (i) structure and one among the Seven Wonders of the world. It was an architectural marvel of immense glory (ii). It exhibits the diligence (iii) of those who worked day in and day out to create this rare (iv) piece of magic. All the children jostled (v) for their positions to get photographed in front of the Taj Mahal.

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| (i) (a) a superior | (b) wonderful |
| (c) bright | (d) alarming |
| (ii) (a) beauty | (b) strength |
| (c) splendour | (d) popularity |
| (iii) (a) sincerity | (b) carefulness |
| (c) intelligence | (d) struggle |
| (iv) (a) common | (b) uncommon |
| (c) important | (d) different |
| (v) (a) fought | (b) turned out |
| (c) pushed roughly | (d) quarrelled |

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2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words :

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There are people with inability (i) to compete. Sometimes eagerly (ii) sought for their identification. The irreverent (iii) people sometimes humiliate them. But they prosecute (iv) their day-to-day activities without panic (v).

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| (i) (a) ability | (b) nobility |
| (c) mobility | (d) anxiety |
| (ii) (a) indifferently | (b) differently |
| (c) actively | (d) closely |
| (iii) (a) relevant | (b) release |
| (c) reverent | (d) reluctance |
| (iv) (a) start | (b) stop |
| (c) proceed | (d) process |
| (v) (a) joy | (b) tear |
| (c) bold | (d) happy |

PART - II

Answer any ten of the following :

10x1=10

3. Which of the following is the right expansion of PIN ?
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| (a) Population Index Number | (b) Postal Index Number |
| (c) Poor Identification Notice | (d) Physics Internal Note |
4. Choose the sentence that is **correct** in its meaning :
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| (a) Gold is measured in <u>carat</u> . |
| (b) Gold is measured in <u>carrot</u> . |
5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word :
My mother put my baby sister in the cot.

6. Which of the words given below can be placed before 'gazing' to form a compound word ?
(a) goat (b) star (c) boy (d) land
7. What is the plural form of thief ?
(a) thieves (b) thiefes (c) thieves
8. Add a suffix to the word beautiful from the list given below.
Guru plays the Piano beautiful _____.
(a) _____ly (b) _____er (c) _____less (d) _____ness
9. The meeting was postponed due to bad weather.
(a) put off (b) put in (c) put up (d) put on
10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words :
(a) monūment (b) glum (c) queue
11. Many people want to _____ a flat.
(a) buy (b) by
12. Construct a sentence using any one of the words given below :
(a) life (b) live (c) lively
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as adverb :
Please handle the glasses with care.
14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning ?
He never listens to me.
(a) He hardly listens to me.
(b) He seldom listens to me.

SECTION - B
(GRAMMAR : 25 MARKS)
PART - I

Answer all the following :

10x1=10

Respond to the following as directed.

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence ?

If I met him, _____.

- (a) I will speak to him
- (b) I would speak to him
- (c) I would have spoken to him

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence :

He sang me a song melodiously.

- (a) SVOC
- (b) SVOA
- (c) SVIDOAO

17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement :

They were climbing the trees, _____ ?

- (a) were they
- (b) weren't they
- (c) weren't it

18. Complete the sentence :

Very few buildings in this street are _____ this one.

- (a) taller than
- (b) as tall as
- (c) the tallest of

19. Choose the correct sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below.

We did not meet any other friend at the party.

- (a) We met no friends at the party.
- (b) We met only one friend at the party.
- (c) We did not meet all our friends at the party.

20. Complete the sentence with a correct prepositional phrase :

_____ his riches, he is not happy.

- (a) Because of
- (b) In spite of
- (c) Owing to

21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence.
The society has nothing _____ with entertainment.
(a) do (b) to do (c) doing
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence :
The child started crying _____ its way.
(a) lost (b) on losing (c) in losing
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence :
This is _____ book that I had been looking for in all the book shops.
(a) an (b) a (c) the
24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence :
The work will be over _____ this evening.
(a) on (b) by (c) in

PART - II

Answer all the following.

5x2=10

Rewrite as directed.

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence.
The tea is very hot. He cannot drink it.
26. Rewrite the sentence using the passive voice.
The Florist delivers flowers to my office everyday.
27. Rewrite the sentence in direct speech.
Guru told Mukhil that he had completed his assignment and he needed to take rest for sometime.
28. From the context of the two sentences given below frame a single sentence using the 'If' clause.
Work hard. You will succeed in life.

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29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.

- (a) Chandrika is 5 feet tall (b) Deepa is 6 feet tall
(c) Revathy is 5.6 feet tall (d) Suba is 5.2 feet tall

PART - III

30. Punctuate the following sentence :

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"We are facing an unsustainable situation says dinesh.

SECTION - C

(PROSE - 15 MARKS)

PART - I

Answer briefly any five of the following questions. Your answer should not exceed 30 words.

5x2=10

31. Who are the brave little voyagers ?
32. What was their first meal of the day for Chaya's children ?
33. What is the twofold duty to be acquired by students ?
34. Why would Hughie wish to apologize to the Baron ?
35. How is music different from astronomy ?
36. How are some domestic worker's lives similar to those of slaves ?
37. What is the speciality of the Vimanam ?

PART - II

Answer in a paragraph **any one** of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words.

1x5=5

38. (a) What were the contributions of the Cholas to art and culture ?

OR

- (b) Describe the courageous way the Americans overcame the "Fall of Twin Towers".

OR

- (c) How is character important in life ?

SECTION - D

(POETRY - 20 MARKS)

PART - I

Quote from memory **any one** of the following extracts :

1x5=5

39. (a) Five lines of the Poem, "Manliness".

From: "Except the will

To : my son".

OR

- (b) The first five lines of the poem "Migrant Bird".

From: "The Globe's

To : Vigil gates".

PART - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below :

5x1=5

40. Then, what gems would we see ?

What do gems refer to ?

41. Virgin rock takes form

Ruggled lines melt.

What is meant by Virgin rock ?

42. To the old Sunday evenings at home, with winter outside

And hymns in the cosy parlour, the tinkling Piano our guide

What is meant by 'Cosy Parlour' ?

43. 'O ye wheels' breaking out in a mad moaning

'Stop! be silent for to - day!

What is their prayer ?

44. If you can meet with triumph and disaster.

Give the meaning of 'triumph'.

PART - III

Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below :

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45. With speed of wings I hasten past

And close my eyes against the sun

To dream my dreams and make them last.

Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

46. My manhood is cast down in the flood of remembrance.

Identify the figure of speech employed here.

47. "For all day, the wheels are droning, turning

Their wind comes in our faces

Till our hearts turn, Our head, with pulses burning,

And the walls turn in their places."

Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.

48. Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears.

Find out the figure of speech employed in this line.

49. If you can dream and not make dreams your master.

Identify the words which make this sentence an example of Alliteration.

PART - IV

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words.

1x5=5

50. (a) Describe the experiences of the children on their way to the brook to seek water.

OR

- (b) What are D.H. Lawrence's reminiscences about his childhood days ?

OR

- (c) Describe the condition of the children working in factories.

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SECTION - E
(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS - 20 MARKS)

51. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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Speech is a great blessing but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to others, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different words, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may create the impression to an uneducated listener that he was showing off with his skill: Unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to a man of his own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling: Only a fool would express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of people and situations.

Questions :

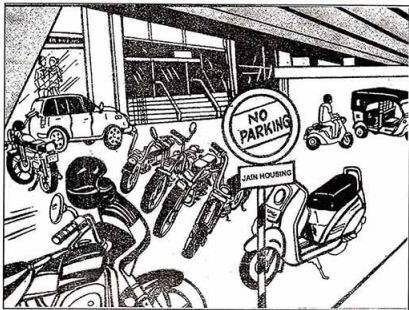
- (a) In what way is speech a blessing to mankind ?
- (b) Describe how words could make an enemy out of someone you would like to be a friend ?
- (c) Why is an educated man's speech considered boastful by an uneducated listener ?
- (d) How should speech be used ?
- (e) How does one prove himself a fool through his use of language ?

52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences :

5x1=5

- (a) He has grey hairs.
- (b) The view were enchanting.
- (c) I took a umbrella with me.
- (d) As the child fell down so it started crying.
- (e) Suba is the tallest girls in the class.

53. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences of your own. 5x1=5



Questions :

- How many types of vehicles are seen in the picture ?
- Where is the helmet kept ?
- Write any one traffic rule other than 'No Parking'.
- What will happen if you park the vehicle in 'No parking' area ?
- Do you follow traffic rules ?