

**B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021**  
**SECOND SEMESTER**  
**ENGLISH - MAIN**  
**ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE**  
**(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)**

Time: Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

**Part A (10 x 1 = 10 marks)****Answer ALL questions:**

Choose the correct answer:

1. The President \_\_\_\_\_ promised to stop the war.  
a) himself      b) itself      c) themselves      d) myself
2. The people \_\_\_\_\_ I called last night are my teachers.  
a) who      b) that      c) which      d) whose
3. This is our dog Rusty, \_\_\_\_\_ is an Alsatian.  
a) She      b) He      c) It      d) His
4. John and Peter are brothers. I know \_\_\_\_\_ very well and my father likes \_\_\_\_\_ very much.  
a) their      b) him      c) those      d) them
5. \_\_\_\_\_ mangoes are not ripe.  
a) the      b) that      c) those      d) these
6. The aeroplane flies \_\_\_\_\_ than birds.  
a) as fast as      b) fastest      c) faster      d) very fast
7. The days are long \_\_\_\_\_ summer.  
a) at      b) on      c) since      d) in
8. I was amazed \_\_\_\_\_ her ignorance.  
a) at      b) with      c) to      d) with
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ writing a novel.  
a) were      b) is      c) has      d) have
10. My dog hurt \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) himself      b) herself      c) itself      d) themselves

**PART B – (5 x 5 = 25 marks)**

**Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b). Each answer should not exceed 250 words.**

11. a) Write a note on the Noun Gender.

(OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks with plural forms of nouns:

1. My (child) \_\_\_\_\_ hate eating idli.
2. My (foot) \_\_\_\_\_ hurt.
3. (Goose) \_\_\_\_\_ like water.
4. (Piano) \_\_\_\_\_ are expensive.
5. The (student) \_\_\_\_\_ are dancing.

12. a) Write a short note on Transitive verbs:

(OR)

- b) Choose the correct form of the verb in parentheses in the following sentences:

1. The geese that fly south for the winter \_\_\_\_\_ (is/ are) nesting around the lake.
2. The daughter of my best friend \_\_\_\_\_ (has/ have) won the spelling competition.
3. Joan of Arc, who led many Frenchmen in revolution, \_\_\_\_\_ (was / were) the subject of my report.
4. The Mayor, together with his wife, \_\_\_\_\_ (is / are) attending the inaugural ball.
5. Politics \_\_\_\_\_ (is / are) not meant for students.



13. a) Explain the procedures involved in forming 'Yes' or 'No' questions.

(OR)

b) Mark the punctuation in the following sentences:

- i) Are you aware of the appointment tomorrow
- ii) Today is my wedding
- iii) Debby, turn off the light
- iv) Brian participated in the baseball tournament
- v) Pay the bill

14. a) List out the uses of Present Tense.

(OR)

b) Complete each of the sentences below choosing from the verbs <sup>given</sup> ~~given~~ <sup>in the bracket</sup> below:

(sleep, eat, like, write, start, think, drink)

- i) The programme \_\_\_\_\_ every day at 9 p.m.
- ii) Cats generally \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.
- iii) Children \_\_\_\_\_ sweets.
- iv) John \_\_\_\_\_ to do English grammar exercises.
- v) Anitha \_\_\_\_\_ a letter to her father once a week.

15. a) Give a brief account on the transformation of Simple sentences to complex with suitable examples.

(OR)

b) Rewrite as directed:

- i) The judge punished the boy for his crime (transform from Simple to Compound)
- ii) People who work hard prosper in the world. (Complex to Simple)
- iii) A liar is seldom trusted. (Simple to Complex)
- iv) The sun rose and the fog disappeared. (Compound to Simple)
- v) Work hard or you will fail. (Compound to Complex)

### PART - C (5X8=40 marks)

Answer all the Questions Choosing either (a) or (b) Answer should not exceed 600 words

16. a) Explain the Kinds of Prepositions.

(OR)

b) Fill in the blanks with some or any:

1. There are not \_\_\_\_\_ watchmen in the street.
2. I need a bike and \_\_\_\_\_ money.
3. I have got \_\_\_\_\_ news for you.
4. Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ painter?
5. My sister does not read \_\_\_\_\_ poem.
6. Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ idea why he is lazy?
7. Daniel would like \_\_\_\_\_ help.
8. Kumar has got \_\_\_\_\_ old books.

17. a) Give a detailed account of the types of non-finite verbs.

(OR)

b) Find out the finite and non-finite verbs in the sentence:

- i. He is about to leave.



- ii. I want to buy some new clothes.
- iii. It was a sight to see.
- iv. It is time to start.
- v. Barking dogs seldom bite.
- vi. He was wearing a torn shirt.
- vii. He had his shoes polished.
- viii. He gave me a chair to sit.

18. a) Give a detailed account on the formation of "Wh" questions with apt examples.

*the following sentences each* (OR)

b) Rewrite as per the instructions given in brackets:

- i) I was making a box. (negative)
- ii) Selvam has been staying there. (interrogative)
- iii) You would scarcely expect him to know that, (question tag)
- iv) Snow is white, (question tag)
- v) You do not like me, (question tag)
- vi) Mithra is from Andaman, (question tag)
- vii) He should not say things like that, (question tag)
- viii) Kamal will initiate the meeting. (interrogative)

19. a) List out the uses of Simple Present Tense and Simple Past Tense with examples.  
(OR)

b) Complete the sentences as per the instructions given in brackets:

- i. At the marriage procession people \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) in the street. (past continuous)
- ii. Radha \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a loud noise. (past continuous)
- iii. Ram and Shyam \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) their clothes. (past continuous)
- iv. I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) how to cook. (past continuous)
- v. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (hurry) to catch the bus. (simple past)
- vi. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) for milk. (simple past)
- vii. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) me a pen. (present perfect)
- viii. The visitors \_\_\_\_\_ (make) the house dirty. (present perfect)

20. a) Classify Adverbial Clause:

(OR)

b) Rewrite the following sentences as per the instructions given in brackets:

- i. She can answer the question. (Change active voice into passive voice)
- ii. Will the professor test our English? (Change active voice into passive voice)
- iii. They need not buy cake. (Change active voice into passive voice)
- iv. We might play cards. (Change active voice into passive voice)
- v. The box would be carried by him. (Change passive voice into active voice)
- vi. The window should be opened by me. (Change passive voice into active voice)
- vii. The sentence could not be read by him. (Change passive voice into active voice)
- viii. Could the door be locked by Arun? (Change passive voice into active voice)