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Non-Major Elective — ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The word substitution for science of life and living things is _____?
- (a) Botany (b) Crèche
- (c) Biology (d) Zoology

2. The appropriate idiom for a rope of sand will be _____?
- (a) A bond which breaks easily
(b) An auspicious of happy day
(c) A time of trouble and difficulty
(d) That especially provokes and irritates
3. Identify the synonym for the word Barbarian
- (a) Unkind (b) Impolite
(c) Partiality (d) Distortion
4. What is the antonym for the word Audacious?
- (a) Timid (b) Vulgar
(c) Low (d) Unpractised
5. Identify the equivalent term for Turgid?
- (a) Rough (b) Roiled and muddy
(c) Swollen (d) Thick
6. What is the suitable antonym for the word Undermine
- (a) Undercut (b) Buttress
(c) Debilitate (d) Subvert

7. The mill workers were not _____ with their low wages and non-payment of wages for last three months _____ fuel to the flames.
- (a) Good, put (b) Satisfied, added
(c) Joyful, poured (d) Pleased, directed
8. Have faith _____ God.
- (a) For (b) In
(c) On (d) With
9. "They must be trained in mind and have some vision and understanding of the word picture" – Identify the author of the given statement.
- (a) S. Radhakrishnan
(b) Jawaharlal Nehru
(c) Neville Cardus
(d) J.B. priestly
10. In the poem _____ the poet willing struggle to make true Christianity flourish in England?
- (a) Lines Written in Early Spring
(b) The Lake Isle of Innisfree
(c) Death
(d) Jerusalem

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Give explanation to the words :

- (i) Anarchy
- (ii) Blasphemy
- (iii) Embezzlement
- (iv) Indelible
- (v) Horizon.

Or

(b) Identify the appropriate meaning for the following Idioms and Phrases :

- (i) Under dog
- (ii) To turn one's coat
- (iii) Wear and tear
- (iv) To put or lay two and two together
- (v) To pocket an insult.

12. (a) Find the appropriate meaning for the words given below :

- (i) Berserk
- (ii) Wary
- (iii) Vilify
- (iv) Stridency
- (v) Tete-a-tete.

Or

(b) Find the Antonyms for the following words :

- (i) Autonomy
- (ii) Hoard
- (iii) Dormant
- (iv) Dauntless
- (v) Facsimile.

13. (a) Identify the appropriate Synonyms for the following words :

- (i) Prevarication
- (ii) Libidinous
- (iii) Immune
- (iv) Tenacity
- (v) Pecuniary.

Or

(b) Identify the appropriate Antonyms for the following words :

- (i) Overthrow
- (ii) Sterile
- (iii) Rectitude
- (iv) Serene
- (v) Credulous.

14. (a) Complete the following sentences :

- (i) The law cannot and should not pardon such _____ act of violence.
- (ii) To promote trade, it is necessary for the government to _____ restrictions on exports?
- (iii) So a _____ situation arose in which the state government was spying on its own cabinet minister?
- (iv) The _____ of nuclear power feel that it is one of the most dangerous developments in modern?
Civilization
- (v) You must _____ your career with all seriousness?

Or

(b) Mention the common errors in the given sentences :

- (i) Is he satisfied by my work?
- (ii) Gallows have been erected.
- (iii) You have a big number of money.
- (iv) We should resign to the will of God.
- (v) We should face cheerfully our miseries.

15. (a) Read the passage and answer the following questions :

From 'On Travel by Train'

Seafaring men make good companions on a railway journey. They are always ready for a pipe and a crack with any man, and there is usually some entertaining matter in their talk. But they are not often met with away from the coast towns. Nor do we often come across the confidential stranger in an English railway carriage, though his company is inevitable on the Continent, and, I believe, in America. When the confidential stranger does make an appearance here, he is usually a very

dull dog, who compels us to yawn through the interminable story of his life, and rides some wretched old hobby – horse to death.

(J.B. Priestly)

- (i) Who are seafaring men? Why do they make good companions on a railway journey?
- (ii) Who is the confidential stranger? Where does he appear most often?
- (iii) How does the confidential stranger appear in England?
- (iv) Frame sentences of the following words : Crack, confidential, yawn, interminable?
- (v) How does the author compares the strangers life with the dog?

Or

- (b) Read the poem and answer the following questions :

Lines Written in Early Spring

I heard a thousand blended notes.

While in a grove I sat reclined,

In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts

Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link,
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think,
What Man has made of Man?

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths,
And 'tis my faith that every flowers,
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played;
Their thoughts I cannot measure;
But the least motion which they made,
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
 If such be Nature's holy plan,
 Have I not reason to lament,
 What man has made of Man? (William
 Wordsworth)

Questions :

- (i) What were the pleasant thoughts of the poet?
- (ii) What were his sad thoughts?
- (iii) What is nature's holy plan?
- (iv) What, according to the poet, has man made of himself?
- (v) Use the following words in sentences of your own : blended, grove, reclined, lament, tuft, wreath, thrill, trail, breezy, holy.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)
 Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Identify the explanations for the following :
- (i) Bankrupt
 - (ii) Centenary
 - (iii) Cynosure

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- (iv) Deteriorate
- (v) Garbage
- (vi) Quiz
- (vii) Rave
- (viii) Siesta.

Or

- (b) Identify the appropriate meaning for the following Idioms and Phrases :
- (i) A black sheep
 - (ii) A gala day
 - (iii) All the rage
 - (iv) At a white heat
 - (v) Helter-Skelter
 - (vi) To break one's heart
 - (vii) To curry favour
 - (viii) To be at a loss.

17. (a) Write the synonyms for the following words :
- (i) Candid
 - (ii) Bucolic
 - (iii) Confabulate
 - (iv) Glib
 - (v) Masticate

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- (vi) Absolute
- (vii) Concise
- (viii) Catapult.

Or

(b) Find the Antonyms for the following words :

- (i) Requisite
- (ii) Subjugate
- (iii) Taciturn
- (iv) Wonder
- (v) Zany
- (vi) Autonomy
- (vii) Bliss
- (viii) Condense.

18. (a) Identify synonyms for the below mentioned words :

- (i) Inflexible
- (ii) Immolate
- (iii) Predilection
- (iv) Effrontery
- (v) Gnarled
- (vi) Vitiate
- (vii) Stultified
- (viii) Alienate.

Or

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(b) Find the antonyms for the given words :

- (i) Ticklish
- (ii) Unscrupulous
- (iii) Yearn
- (iv) Acme
- (v) Propitious
- (vi) Uproar
- (vii) Temerity
- (viii) Prevail.

19. (a) Complete the following sentences :

- (i) When Somesh _____ me coming to his table, he smiled and _____ me a chair.
- (ii) In Buddhism, it is impossible to keep ethics and psychology _____ from one another, because they _____ at so many points.
- (iii) Restlessness among the students of colleges and universities has _____ from their deep rooted feeling that their views and aspirations are _____ by their elders.
- (iv) Though he is reputed for his technical _____, his books were sadly _____ of the work of others as he lacked originality.

Or

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(b) Identify the errors in the sentences given below :

- (i) We had to walk five miles by foot.
- (ii) I want to get rid from him.
- (iii) Are you afraid from your wife?
- (iv) Describe about the scene in two hundred words.
- (v) I caught her from the arm.
- (vi) The thief attacked on me with a staff.
- (vii) You can accompany with me to Delhi.
- (viii) Will you recommend for me to your boss?

20. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions :

From : 'Packing'

My tooth-brush is a thing that haunts me when I'm traveling, and makes my life a misery. I dream that I haven't packed it, and wake up in a cold perspiration and get out of bed, and hunt for it. And, in the morning, I pack it before I have used it, and have to unpack again to get it, and it is always the last thing I turn out of the bag, and then repack and forget it, and have to rush upstairs for it the last moment and carry it to the railway station, wrapped up in my pocket-handkerchief. (Jerome K. Jerome)

Questions :

- (i) How does the writer's tooth-brush make his life a misery?
- (ii) What happens in the morning?
- (iii) What happens at the last moment?
- (iv) How does Jerome K. Jerome carry the tooth-brush to the railway station?

Or

(b) Read the following poem and answer the following questions :

Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time

Walk upon England's mountains green?

And was the holy Lamb of God

On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the Countenance Divine

Shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here

Among these dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold;

Bring me my arrows of desire;

Bring me my spear : O clouds, unfold!

Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have build Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.
(William Blake)

Questions :

- (i) Whose feet does the poet refer to?
 - (ii) What does the poet mean by 'the holy Lamb of God'?
 - (iii) What does the poet mean by 'the countenance divine'?
 - (iv) What does the poet mean by 'these dark Satanic hills'?
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