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Second Semester

English — Allied

MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

(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 appropriate answer :

1. Mussolini was _____ Hitler of Italy.
(a) an (b) the
(c) a (d) of
2. There is a fine _____ of pictures in the palace.
(a) group (b) variety
(c) type (d) gallery
3. _____ is a word used instead of a noun.
(a) Pronoun (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Verb

4. Between you and _____ I don't trust him.
(a) Her (b) Me
(c) Them (d) I
5. The king died _____ his daughter ascended the throne.
(a) or (b) with
(c) and (d) to
6. Comparative degree for the word *greedily*
(a) greedily
(b) greedier
(c) more greedily
(d) most greedily
7. The passive voice is used when the agent is _____
(a) unknown (b) know
(c) visible (d) seen
8. Transformation of a sentence means changing it without altering it's _____
(a) dialogue
(b) nature
(c) sense
(d) object

9. _____ essays expound a theory or doctrine.
(a) expository
(b) imaginative
(c) reflective
(d) narrative
10. After the body of the letter you should write the subscription at the _____ of the page.
(a) right side
(b) left side
(c) above
(d) top

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write down the suitable Feminine form for the following words :
King, Dog, Master, Fox, Man-servant.
Or
(b) Briefly explain subject and predicate with proper examples.

12. (a) Fill in the blanks:

- (i) Neither James nor his father _____
(Smoke, smokes)
- (ii) Neither you nor I _____ right.
(are, am)
- (iii) Either he or you _____ to go.
(have, has)
- (iv) I _____ the guitar.(play, plays)
- (v) They _____ packed all that they
will need for the trip. (has, have)

Or

(b) Write five sentences using am, are, is, was
and were as principal verbs

13. (a) Fill in with appropriate preposition:

- (i) The scientist looked _____ the
microscope. (through/in)
- (ii) I met Suhani when I was _____
college. (in/on)
- (iii) I will have completed my task _____
Friday. (till/by)

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- (iv) There's a rift _____these two kids.
(between/among)
- (v) The soldiers are _____ war. (in/at)

Or

(b) Write a short note on Conjunctions.

14. (a) Pick out the adjective clause in the following
sentence.

- (i) The boy who stole the watch was
caught
- (ii) The spot where Lincoln was buried
became a place of pilgrimage
- (iii) Spring is the season when Nature
appears at her best
- (iv) She shed tears such as angels weep
- (v) This is the reason why I insist on
dropping him

Or

(b) Transform the following exclamatory
sentence to assertive sentence

- (i) What a wonderful opportunity!
- (ii) O that I were young again!
- (iii) How kind of you to help him like that !

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(iv) How noble he is!

(v) What a great pleasure it is!

15. (a) Elucidate the basic form of a letter.

Or

(b) Expand the given outline:

A vain stag was thirsty —reached a pool—
his own reflection— glad to see his horns —
hated his thin and ugly legs —hounds ran
after him —stag ran for life—his leg carried
him out of danger— but his horns got stuck
in bushes. —provided to be the cause of his
death.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write an essay on when and where to use the
Definite article with examples.

Or

(b) Fill in the blank with collective nouns

(i) I have lost my _____ of keys.

(ii) Don't disturb the _____ of bees

(iii) The ship had a _____ of eighty
sailors

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(iv) There is a large _____ of fish near
the coast.

(v) There was a meeting of the _____
of directors

(vi) This _____ of mountains is called
the western ghats.

(vii) An _____ of ants marched across
the path.

(viii) The _____ of books toppled onto
the floor.

17. (a) Fill in the blanks with am/ is/ are

(i) I _____ playing with firecrackers.

(ii) The painter _____ drawing a
landscape.

(iii) _____ you going somewhere?

(iv) Samuel _____ mowing the lawn.

(v) I _____ doing my homework.

(vi) The swans _____ in the pond.

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(vii) They _____ enacting Romeo and Juliet on stage.

(viii) Thunder _____ rumbling.

Or

(b) Explain relative pronoun, its forms and uses in detail.

18. (a) Write a detailed essay on Adverbs and its kinds with appropriate examples.

Or

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate conjunctions

(i) I would rather be a doctor _____ a lawyer

(ii) Neither a lender _____ a borrower be

(iii) Clever _____ he was, he could not solve the problem

(iv) The bridge must be repaired _____ it will soon collapse

(v) Though it was raining _____ the match was played

(vi) She is intelligent _____ not industrious

(vii) He is rich _____ miserable

(viii) I have him such advice _____ was necessary

19. (a) Change the active into passive voice and vice versa

(i) The people elected him Mayor.

(ii) By whom were you given this pen?

(iii) Give the order.

(iv) Listen to me.

(v) They were questioning the spy.

(vi) She expected to get the job.

(vii) Circumstances obliged me to do so.

(viii) My pocket has been picked.

Or

(b) What is a Clause? Explain its kinds and elaborate on the functions Noun Clause in detail.

20. (a) Draft a letter to The Editor, The Hindu about a social problem.

Or

(b) Write an essay about a Women Empowerment.
