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EXAMINATIONS

(For those who joined in July 2021)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. Choose the correct One Word Substitution.

A government by persons of the highest social rank _____.

- (a) Monocracy
- (b) Bureaucracy
- (c) Aristocracy
- (d) None

2. Choose the correct Idiom of the words.

The man in the street.

- (a) the ordinary expert man
- (b) the ordinary inexpert man
- (c) the extraordinary expert man
- (d) the extraordinary inexpert man

3. Choose the Synonym of the word - 'Dilemma'

- (a) hard
- (b) severe
- (c) difficult choice
- (d) scarcity

4. Choose the Antonym of the word - 'Relinquish'

- (a) withdraw
- (b) attack
- (c) assume
- (d) conquer

5. Choose the Synonym of the word - 'Transcendent'

- (a) shining
- (b) surpassing
- (c) hopeful
- (d) faithful

6. Choose the Antonym of the word - 'Terrific'

- (a) great
- (b) magnificent
- (c) mediocre
- (d) wonderful

7. He _____ all his energies to bear upon the task.

- (a) put
- (b) organized
- (c) brought
- (d) devoted

8. Spot the Error - My child / is / precious / for me.

A B C D

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

9. 'Comprehension' means _____.

- (a) Knowledge
- (b) learning
- (c) studying
- (d) understanding

10. Kick the bucket means _____.

- (a) live long
- (b) do well
- (c) die
- (d) learn

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a suitable One Word Substitution of following sentences?

- (i) Well versed in two Languages - _____.
- (ii) A person held guilty and punished by court - _____.
- (iii) A person taking an examination - _____.
- (iv) Which cannot be calculated - _____.
- (v) A railway engine - _____.

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(b) Write a meaning of following Idioms and Phrases words?

- (i) To toss up
- (ii) Animal spirits
- (iii) Blue blood
- (iv) To play the game
- (v) Red handed

12. (a) Find out a similar word in meaning to the given words :

- (i) Barbarian
 - (1) unkind
 - (2) impolite
 - (3) partiality
 - (4) distortion
- (ii) Condemn
 - (1) blame
 - (2) underrate
 - (3) hate
 - (4) representative
- (iii) Delegate
 - (1) officer
 - (2) participant
 - (3) member
 - (4) representative

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- (iv) Dynamic
(1) active
(2) robust
(3) forceful
(4) vigorous

- (v) Eradicate
(1) remove
(2) finish
(3) eliminate
(4) annihilate

Or

(b) Find out an opposite word in meaning to the given words.

- (i) Facsimile
(1) reproduction
(2) sincere
(3) original
(4) engineered

- (ii) Ruthless
(1) mindful
(2) compassionate
(3) majestic
(4) merciful

- (iii) Prevent
(1) excite
(2) support
(3) invite
(4) incite

- (iv) Antipathy
(1) obedience
(2) admiration
(3) agreement
(4) fondness

- (v) Kindle
(1) ignite
(2) encourage
(3) ignore
(4) merciless

13. (a) Choose the Synonym of the given words.

- (i) Prevarication
(1) confusion
(2) wandering around
(3) a deviation from the truth
(4) an act of delay

- (ii) Berserk
(1) hairy
(2) in a frenzy
(3) foreign
(4) dishevelled

(iii) Punitive

- (1) punishing
- (2) incidental
- (3) strong
- (4) deceptive

(iv) Vaunted

- (1) greatly desired
- (2) boasted
- (3) powerful
- (4) empty

(v) Altercate

- (1) to occur in turns
- (2) to dispute angrily
- (3) to agree
- (4) to change

Or

(b) Choose the Antonym of the given words.

(i) Torment

- (1) suffering
- (2) provoke
- (3) soothe
- (4) agonize

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(ii) Torrid

- (1) sweltering
- (2) scorching
- (3) frigid
- (4) passionate

(iii) Zoom

- (1) plummet
- (2) escalate
- (3) whiz
- (4) soar

(iv) Absolute

- (1) conclusive
- (2) partial
- (3) total
- (4) unlimited

(v) Chauvinism

- (1) bigotry
- (2) prejudice
- (3) tolerance
- (4) jingoism

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14. (a) Complete the sentences :

(i) Lacking confidence in his skills in English, Pervez was _____ when called on to speak in class.

- (1) horrified
- (2) reticent
- (3) impolite
- (4) sartorial
- (5) shocked

(ii) The castle has been _____ we cannot even be sure exactly where it stood.

- (1) obliterated
- (2) burned down
- (3) ruined
- (4) debilitated
- (5) spoilt

(iii) Raman's _____ record collection included everything from Bach to rock.

- (1) effusive
- (2) rhapsodic
- (3) eclectic
- (4) inherent
- (5) refulgent

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(iv) My grandparents were such _____ followers of the soap opera that they taped every episode.

- (1) avid
- (2) skilful
- (3) flagrant
- (4) retentive

(v) _____ the finger points of etiquette in high society, Devesh simply watched his host and followed his actions.

- (1) arguing for
- (2) unaware
- (3) ignorant
- (4) saddened by
- (5) looking at

Or

(b) Spot the Errors and write the correct sentences:

- (i) She insisted to many an actor.
- (ii) Radha has no issues.
- (iii) I prefer English than Hindi.
- (iv) I have joined in the army.
- (v) Law and order are to be maintained at all costs.

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15. (a) Read the Comprehension and answer the following Questions:

From 'Telephonics'

Telephony, it is clear, both from one's own experience and not from reading the letters on the papers, is not yet an exact science. Not, that is in real life; although on the stage and in American detective novels it seems to be perfect. The actor lifts the receiver, mentions the number, and begins instantly to talk. If he is on the film his lips move like burning rubber and his mouth becomes a shifting cavern. Do the rank and file of us, I wonder, when telephoning, thus grimace? I must fix up a mirror and see.

— (E.V. Lucas)

Questions:

- (a) How do you know that telephony is not an exact science?
- (b) What is telephony?
- (c) Where does it seem to be perfect?
- (d) How does the writer criticize the film?

Or

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

A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal

A slumber did my spirit seal;

I had no human fears;

She seemed a thing that could not feel

The touch of earthly years.

No motion has she now, no force;

She neither hears nor sees;

Rolled round in earth's diurnal course,

With rocks, and stones, and trees.

— (William Wordsworth)

Questions:

- (i) What happened to the spirit of the poet?
- (ii) What are human fears?
- (iii) What did she seem to be?
- (iv) What are her conditions now?
- (v) Use the following words in sentences of your own: seal

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Write One Word Substitution for the following sentences?
- (i) A declaration of principles and policies by a party.
 - (ii) Open rebellion of soldiers against lawful authority.
 - (iii) Widely known for something bad _____.
 - (iv) Knowing everything _____.
 - (v) One who loves and helps mankind _____.
 - (vi) Having nothing to do with any religion _____.
 - (vii) To pass through another's land without permission _____.
 - (viii) Which can be wounded or injured _____.

Or

- (b) Write a meaning of following Idioms and Phrases words?

- (i) To hang fire
 - (ii) Up In arms
 - (iii) Crocodile tears
 - (iv) Achilles' heel
 - (v) To turn turtle
 - (vi) To wind up
 - (vii) Yeoman's service
 - (viii) Tooth and nail
17. (a) Find out a similar word in meaning to the given words.
- (i) Empirical
 - (1) relating to a market
 - (2) based upon experience
 - (3) ruling despotically
 - (4) expansionist
 - (ii) Wrath
 - (1) jealousy
 - (2) hatred
 - (3) anger
 - (4) violence

- (iii) Ingenuous
(1) active
(2) skilful
(3) smart
(4) none of these

- (iv) Juvenile
(1) hidden
(2) young
(3) humorous
(4) tedious

- (v) Unconscionable
(1) unmindful
(2) excessive
(3) unmangeable
(4) distasteful

- (vi) Optimistic
(1) optician
(2) favourable
(3) wishful
(4) hopeful

- (vii) Paradigm
(1) theme
(2) example
(3) proof
(4) paragon

- (viii) Sustain
(1) support
(2) review
(3) believe
(4) survive
Or

(b) Find out an opposite word in meaning to the given words.

- (i) Brief
(1) long
(2) expanded
(3) elaborate
(4) detailed

- (ii) Wreck
(1) work
(2) build
(3) restore
(4) relieve

(iii) Scold

- (1) enamour
- (2) rebuke
- (3) criticize
- (4) praise

(iv) Extension

- (1) condensation
- (2) subtraction
- (3) deletion
- (4) weakening
- (5) diminution

(v) Transparent

- (1) coloured
- (2) childlike
- (3) opaque
- (4) imminent

(vi) Naive

- (1) cunning
- (2) wealthy
- (3) sophisticated
- (4) complicated

(vii) Consistency

- (1) stability
- (2) harmony
- (3) defective
- (4) inconsistency

(viii) Retrieve

- (1) respond
- (2) dismiss
- (3) foil
- (4) abandon

18. (a) Proficiency Tests: Synonyms

(i) Bravado

- (1) a servile attitude
- (2) state of well-founded happiness
- (3) pretence of bravery

(ii) Tenacity

- (1) persistence in holding fast
- (2) prejudice
- (3) sympathy

- (iii) Torpor
(1) sadness
(2) stupor
(3) an Insulating manner
- (iv) Effrontery
(1) pride
(2) awkwardness
(3) shameless boldness
- (v) Lackey
(1) a servile attendant
(2) a lazy person
(3) a fool
- (vi) Lout
(1) a greedy person
(2) a vain person
(3) an ill-mannered person
- (vii) Maelstrom
(1) restlessness
(2) tumultuous whirlpool
(3) wide spreading
- (viii) Ominous
(1) sad
(2) threatening
(3) all-inclusive

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(b) Proficiency Tests: Antonyms

- (i) Zestful
(1) exciting
(2) delightful
(3) enjoyable
(4) unexciting
- (ii) Uproar
(1) tranquillity
(2) commotion
(3) clamour
(4) turmoil
- (iii) Temerity
(1) foolhardiness
(2) prudence
(3) audacity
(4) indiscretion
- (iv) Prevail
(1) flop
(2) overcome
(3) dominate
(4) succeed

- (v) Pernicious
- (1) destructive
 - (2) detrimental
 - (3) benign
 - (4) noxious
- (vi) Miserable
- (1) heartsick
 - (2) comfortable
 - (3) despondent
 - (4) wretched
- (vii) Acme
- (1) pinnacle
 - (2) nadir
 - (3) crest
 - (4) apogee
- (viii) Blasphemy
- (1) reverence
 - (2) profanity
 - (3) sacrilege
 - (4) irreverence

19. (a) Complete the sentences:

- (i) There is no glory in war _____
the blood it _____.
- (1) thinking, demands
 - (2) considering, sheds
 - (3) worth, costs
 - (4) comparing, spills
- (ii) Hitler cast a _____ and
_____ shadow upon world
history.
- (1) colossal, frightful
 - (2) herculean, gloomy
 - (3) gigantic, horrifying
 - (4) huge, vast
- (iii) When Somesh _____ me coming to his
table, he smiled and _____ me
a chair.
- (1) found, signalled
 - (2) met, sat
 - (3) looked, gave
 - (4) welcomed, took

(iv) Although the leader's life was both _____ and painful, yet it was not without _____ for he had accomplished many of his goals.

- (1) magnificent, success
- (2) arduous, satisfaction
- (3) thrilling, ambition
- (4) purposeful, danger

Or

(b) Spot the Errors and write the correct sentences

- (i) She is wonderful beautiful.
- (ii) Mohan is comparatively weaker in English.
- (iii) You and we must work together.
- (iv) As I am busy so I cannot so out.
- (v) He is miser man.
- (vi) It is no good to visit him now.
- (vii) Irefused his invitation.
- (viii) One must do his duty.

20. (a) Read the Comprehension and answer the following the Questions:

From 'A Football Match'

A crash of human thunder smote the air. Arms, umbrellas, hats, caps, and programmes flew up in a flurry of gesticulation all round the ground, while the shouting rose wave upon wave to a crescendo that seemed to go on forever. The villa centre-half raced back to his own end of the field, partly carrying and partly carried by half a dozen of his team-mates.

– (John Drinkwater)

Questions:

- (i) What do you understand by human thunder?
- (ii) How did the sound rise?

- (iii) How did the Villa centre-half return to his end of the field?
- (iv) How did the people express their joy besides shouting?
- (v) Frame sentence of the following word:
Crash
- (vi) What does the word 'crescendo' mean?
- (vii) How many team mates are in the poem?
- (viii) Write the theme of John Drinkwater's From 'A Football Match'.

Or

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

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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 built 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'?

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- (iv) What does the poet mean by 'these dark Satanic hills'?
 - (v) What will the poet do?
 - (vi) What does he want?
 - (vii) What picture of England do you get here?
 - (viii) What is the poet's attitude to mills?
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