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(For those who joined in July 2021-2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The word substitution for That which has more than one meaning?

(a) Anaemia

(b) Alchemist

(c) Ambiguous

(d) Acquittal



2. The appropriate idiom for 'In lieu of' is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) An employee has to surrender one month's salary in lieu of one month's notice
- (b) He had mastered the works of great mathematicians when he was still in his teens
- (c) Monarchy is one that wanes everywhere in the world now
- (d) The conspirators used to meet on the sly in the jungle at the dead of night
3. Identify the synonym for the word 'Gratify'
- (a) Pacify                      (b) Indulge
- (c) Frank                        (d) Appreciate
4. Identify the antonym for the word 'Amplify'
- (a) Mummify                    (b) Shock
- (c) Curtail                      (d) Embalm
5. Identify the equivalent term for the word 'Detrimental'
- (a) Depressing                (b) Increasing
- (c) Injurious                  (d) Complaining

6. What is the suitable antonym for the word 'aggressive'.
- (a) Horrible                    (b) Wonderful
- (c) Awful                        (d) Loathsome
7. The man who is impatient to become rich can easily be \_\_\_\_\_ to the race track or the gaming table, where a lucky \_\_\_\_\_ might make him rich.
- (a) Enticed, chance          (b) Evoked, streak
- (c) Pushed, moment        (d) Lured, break
8. They invited us \_\_\_\_\_ dinner
- (a) To                            (b) For
- (c) With                         (d) Is
9. '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'. Identify the author of given statement.
- (a) E. V. Lucas                (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (c) Nevile Cardus            (d) S. Radhakrishnan
10. "When I consider how my light is spent,  
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide.  
And that one talent which is death to hide,"  
Identify the author of the poem?
- (a) Wordsworth                (b) Blake
- (c) Milton                        (d) Donne

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) Give an explanation of the following words:

- (i) Accelerate
- (ii) Ballad
- (iii) Calculator
- (iv) Dissent
- (v) Equator

Or

(b) Identify the appropriate meaning for the following idioms and phrases:

- (i) A bolt from the blue
- (ii) A narrow escape
- (iii) Beside die mark
- (iv) A walk
- (v) Hue and cry

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

- (i) Absolute
- (ii) Accolade
- (iii) Delegate
- (iv) Hybrid
- (v) Niggard

Or

(b) Find the Antonyms of the followings words:

- (i) Transmogrify
- (ii) Traumatic
- (iii) Virile
- (iv) Voracious
- (v) Zany

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

- (i) Torpor
- (ii) Effrontery
- (iii) Lackey
- (iv) Lout
- (v) Maelstrom

Or



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

- (i) Apprehend
- (ii) Auspicious
- (iii) Brevity
- (iv) Cease
- (v) Contempt

14. (a) Complete the following sentences:

- (i) We must prevent endangered wild species from becoming \_\_\_\_\_ in order that our future generation may \_\_\_\_\_ the great diversity of animal life.
- (ii) India's immense physical size, as also the fact of its \_\_\_\_\_ society \_\_\_\_\_ any attempt towards a neat capsule presentation on any subject.
- (iii) The man who is impatient to become rich can easily be \_\_\_\_\_ to the race track or the gaming table, where a lucky \_\_\_\_\_ might make him rich.

(iv) The secretary \_\_\_\_\_ the society's funds, \_\_\_\_\_ he was dismissed.

(v) There are attempts being made to try to \_\_\_\_\_ languages through specific \_\_\_\_\_, but the result is that some tongues become conserved as if they were a museum piece.

Or

(b) Spot the common errors in the following sentences:

- (i) Our examination begins from Monday.
- (ii) We were surprised by his failure.
- (iii) Mr. Verma has resigned from his post.
- (iv) He is slow in accounts.
- (v) We cannot buy this house for such a price.

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

The laws of cricket tell of the English love of compromise between a particular freedom and a general orderliness, or legality. Macdonald's best brick-bake is rendered null and void if he should let his right foot stray merely an inch over the crease as he wheels his arm. Law and order are represented at cricket the umpires in their



magisterial coats (in England it is to be hoped these coats will never be worn as short as umpires wear them in Australia, much to the loss of that dignity which should always invest dispensers of justice). And in England umpires are seldom mobbed or treated with the contumely which is the lot of the football referee. If everything else in this nation of ours were lost but cricket—her Constitution and the Laws of England of Lord Halsbury—it would be possible to reconstruct from the theory and the practice of cricket all the eternal Englishness which has gone to the establishment of that Constitution and the laws aforesaid.

(Nevile Cardus)

Questions :

- (i) What do the laws of cricket reveal?
- (ii) By whom is law and order represented?
- (iii) How is an umpire treated?
- (iv) What does the writer say about the theory and the practice of cricket?
- (v) Frame sentences using the following words:

Compromise, null and void, magisterial, mobbed, contumely, reconstruct, eternal

Or

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- (b) Read the poem and answer the question.

I met a traveller from an antique land

Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone

Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,

Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,

And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,

Tell that its sculptor well those passions read

Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,

The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed.

And on the pedestal these words appear.

'My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:

Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair?'

Nothing beside remains. Round the decay.

Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare.

The lone and level sands stretch far away.

Questions :

- (i) From where did the traveller come?
- (ii) What did he say?
- (iii) What is the moral of the poem?

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(iv) Use the following words in sentences of your own:

antique, vast, trunkless, visage, frown, wrinkled,

sneer, sculptor, survive, mock, pedestal, colossal,

decay, despair, wreck

(v) Identify the author of the poem?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Write explanation for the following:

- (i) Decade
- (ii) Co-religionists
- (iii) Enigma
- (iv) Elope
- (v) Fatalist
- (vi) Host
- (vii) Infallible
- (viii) Literate

Or

(b) Identify the appropriate meaning following idioms and phrases:

- (i) A love game
- (ii) A snake in the grass
- (iii) A walk over
- (iv) Crocodile tears
- (v) Neck and crop
- (vi) On the eve of
- (vii) Out of sorts
- (viii) Over and above

17. (a) Write Synonyms for the following words

- (i) Excruciate
- (ii) Enthusiastic
- (iii) Fraternize
- (iv) Haggle
- (v) Insidious
- (vi) Ineffable
- (vii) Languish
- (viii) Magnanimous

Or



(b) Write the Antonyms for the following words:

- (i) Artificial
- (ii) Commodious
- (iii) Clumsy
- (iv) Dissipate
- (v) Disperse
- (vi) Exasperate
- (vii) Justify
- (viii) Nadir

18. (a) Give Synonyms for the following words:

- (i) Languish
- (ii) Commiserate
- (iii) Abhor
- (iv) Gormandize
- (v) Condone
- (vi) Importune
- (vii) Grovel
- (viii) Covet

Or

(b) Give Antonyms for the following sentences:

- (i) Abate
- (ii) Banal
- (iii) Cluster
- (iv) Despicable
- (v) Exhaustive
- (vi) Ghastly
- (vii) Holistic
- (viii) Impolite

19. (a) Complete the following sentences

- (i) Being cynical, Ashish was reluctant to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of any kind act until he had ruled out all possible secret, uncharitable motives.
- (ii) A golden rule, which should always be followed by an investor, is never invest on sentiment or on a tip: look for stocks with promising \_\_\_\_\_ potential for growth.

- (iii) At the world's finest educational institutes, only students with the \_\_\_\_\_ to succeed are selected.
- (iv) Jamshedji Tata, the founder of the Tata Group in India, knew that only dedication and \_\_\_\_\_ could ensure that the customer gets the very best.
- (v) Parveen fascinated the world with her beauty and her charm, and her life mixed public spectacle with private anguish; her tragic death \_\_\_\_\_ a flood of grief on every continent.
- (vi) As Shyam \_\_\_\_\_ retirement, he became more intelligent and active.
- (vii) As a steadfast \_\_\_\_\_ of our right to liberty time. Mishra had few \_\_\_\_\_.
- (viii) A careful \_\_\_\_\_ of the premises revealed some useful clues.

Or

- (b) Identify the Common Errors in the following sentences
- (i) The climate of Madras is hotter than Shimla.
- (ii) The population of China is large than India.

- (iii) My pen is superior to Mohan.
- (iv) He hit Ram by a bottle.
- (v) The population of China is large than India.
- (vi) Jay is addicted with smoking.
- (vii) I do not know where is he going.
- (viii) Can you tell when will she come back?

20. (a) Read the following Passage and answer the questions: From 'A Call To Youth'

I have been a teacher for nearly all my adult life, for over forty years. I have lived with students and it hurts me very deeply when I find that the precious years during which a student has to live in the university are wasted by some of them. I do not say by all of them. Teachers and students form a family and in a family you cannot have the spirit of the trade union. Such a thing should be inconceivable in a university. University life is a co-operative enterprise between teachers and students and I do hope that the students will not do a disservice to themselves by resorting to activities which are antisocial in character.

(S. Radhakrishnan)





Questions:

- (i) What does the writer say about himself?
- (ii) What does the writer say about university life?
- (iii) What does the writer hope?
- (iv) What do you understand by 'the spirit of the trade union' and 'a co-operative enterprise'?

Or

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

Virtue

Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright,  
The bridal of the earth and sky:  
The dew shall weep thy fall to-night:  
For thou must die.  
Sweet rose, whose hue angry and brave,  
Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye:  
Thy root is ever in its grave,  
And thou must die.  
Sweet spring, full of sweet days and Crosse,

A box where sweets compacted lie;  
My music shows ye have your closes,  
And all must die.

Only a sweet and virtuous soul,

Like season'd timber, never gives;

But though the whole world turns to coal,

Then chiefly lives.

(George Herbert)

Questions :

- (i) Why does Herbert call a sweet day 'the bridal of the earth and the sky'?
- (ii) Why is the hue of the rose 'angry and brave'?
- (iii) Why does the poet compare the spring season to a box?
- (iv) What is the meaning of 'My music shows ye have your closes'?
- (v) Where does the soul live chiefly?
- (vi) What is the meaning of 'seasoned timber'? Why does the poet compare a virtuous soul to seasoned timber?



(vii) Explain:

- (1) Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye.
- (2) Thy root is ever in its grave
- (3) A box., lie.
- (4) Though the whole world turn to coal.

(viii) Make sentences of the following words:

bridal, rash, gazer, wipe, compacted,  
closes, seasoned timber.

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