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First Semester

English — Foundation Course

BASIC ENGLISH GRAMMAR

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Identify the subject and predicate in the following sentence : "The cat sat on the windowsill".
 - (a) Subject: The cat; Predicate: sat on the windowsill.
 - (b) Subject: The; Predicate: cat sat on the windowsill.
 - (c) Subject: On the windowsill; Predicate: The cat sat.
 - (d) Subject: The cat sat; Predicate: on the windowsill.

2. Identify the type of noun in the following sentence:
"The team displayed excellent teamwork during the match."
(a) Proper noun (b) Common noun
(c) Abstract noun (d) Collective noun
3. Choose the correct interrogative pronoun for the following question: "_____ are you bringing to the party?"
(a) Who (b) Whose
(c) Which (d) Whom
4. Which sentence does correctly use the comparative form of the adjective?
(a) This book is more interesting than that one
(b) She is the most good singer in the choir
(c) The mountain is high, but the hill is highest
(d) His performance was good, but hers was gooder.
5. Which sentence does correctly use a modal auxiliary?
(a) She can sings beautifully
(b) He don't like spicy food
(c) They must finish their homework by tomorrow
(d) We will can attend the meeting

6. Fill in with suitable interjection " _____ We lost".
(a) Wow! (b) Alas!
(c) Hurray! (d) Bravo!
7. Rewrite the following sentence in direct speech:
"She exclaimed that it was the most beautiful sunset she had ever seen".
(a) She exclaimed, "It is the most beautiful sunset I have ever seen"
(b) She exclaimed if it was the most beautiful sunset she had ever seen
(c) She exclaimed that it is the most beautiful sunset she has ever seen
(d) She exclaimed, "It was the most beautiful sunset I have ever seen"
8. Identify the type of clause in the following sentence: "Although she studied hard, she didn't perform well in the exam".
(a) Independent clause (b) Dependent clause
(c) Subordinate clause (d) Main clause

9. Which of the following sentences uses a gerund correctly?
- (a) He enjoys to swim in the mornings
 - (b) She is interested in reading books
 - (c) They are excited about going on vacation
 - (d) We are considering for buying a new car
10. Complete the question tag for the statement: "She hasn't seen that movie, _____"
- (a) has she? (b) hasn't she?
 - (c) doesn't she? (d) didn't she?

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a short note on 'Sentence'.
Or
(b) What is the fundamental role of the subject and predicate in a sentence, and how do they contribute to the overall structure and meaning of the sentence?
12. (a) Write a short note on Relative Pronouns.
Or
(b) Write a short note on Kinds of adjectives.

13. (a) Rewrite the following sentences with correct prepositions :
- (i) I suggest that you write _____ ink.
 - (ii) Let us sit _____ the shade of the tree.
 - (iii) Pakistan is _____ the west of India.
 - (iv) What is the time _____ your watch?
 - (v) I prefer to go _____ train.

Or

- (b) Define Conjunctions with examples.

14. (a) Rewrite the following conversation in indirect speech :

Policeman : What's your name?

Motorcyclist : Jason Cox.

Policeman : Have you got a driving licence?

Motorcyclist : Yes, I have. But I haven't got it on meat present.

Or

(b) Identify whether the given sentences are Simple, Compound, or Complex.

- (i) The sun set, and the stars appeared in the night sky.
- (ii) Although it rained, the children played happily in the park.
- (iii) Mary enjoys reading novels and discussing them with her friends.
- (iv) After the bell rang, the students quickly left the classroom.
- (v) The cat sat on the windowsill and watched the birds outside.

15. (a) Add the correct question tag to complete each sentence.

- (i) She is a doctor, _____?
- (ii) You don't like coffee, _____?
- (iii) They have already left, _____?
- (iv) He can swim, _____?
- (v) We won't be late, _____?

Or

(b) Identify the infinitive phrase in each sentence.

- (i) It's essential to complete the assignment on time.
- (ii) She hopes to visit the museum next weekend.
- (iii) I would like to learn a new language.
- (iv) They decided to organize a charity event.
- (v) It is important to exercise regularly.

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 a short note on the characteristics of Noun.

Or

(b) Choose the correct gender for each noun :

(i) The _____ (lion) is known for its majestic mane.

- (1) Feminine
- (2) Masculine
- (3) Neutral

(ii) My sister adopted a cute (kitten) from the shelter.

- (1) Feminine
- (2) Masculine
- (3) Neutral

(iii) The _____ (moon) was shining brightly in the night sky.

- (1) Feminine
- (2) Masculine
- (3) Neutral

(iv) He invited his _____ (friend) to the party.

- (1) Feminine
- (2) Masculine
- (3) Neutral

(v) The _____ (actor) received an award for his outstanding performance.

- (1) Feminine
- (2) Masculine
- (3) Neutral

(vi) A _____ (river) flows through the heart of the city.

- (1) Feminine
- (2) Masculine
- (3) Neutral

(vii) The _____ (sun) provides warmth and light to the earth.

- (1) Feminine
- (2) Masculine
- (3) Neutral

(viii) We admired the beautiful _____ (flower) in the garden.

- (a) Feminine
- (b) Masculine
- (c) Neutral

17. (a) Explain Adjectives and its kinds with suitable examples.

Or

(b) What are the types of pronouns? Explain.

18. (a) Discuss Modal Auxiliary Verbs with examples.

Or

(b) Explain the functions of prepositions.

19. (a) (i) Change the following direct speech sentences into indirect speech :

- (1) "I love pizza," she said.
- (2) "He is coming to the party," said Tom.
- (3) "We have completed the project", they announced.
- (4) "She will call you later," he promised.

(ii) Rewrite the following sentences in direct speech:

- (5) She told me that she was going to the store.
- (6) He mentioned that they had visited Paris.
- (7) They said that the concert had been fantastic.
- (8) Mary explained that she had already read the book.

Or

- (b) Explain the concept of a subordinate (dependent) clause and its role in sentence structure. Provide examples to illustrate how subordinate clauses function within sentences and contribute to the overall meaning. Discuss the types of information subordinate clauses can convey and their significance in constructing complex and varied sentences.
20. (a) Explain participles as verb forms acting as adjectives or in verb tenses. Provide examples of how they modify nouns/pronouns. Highlight differences between present and past participles, emphasizing their role in sentence structure and meaning.

Or

- (b) (i) Add an Interjection.
- (1) She found the treasure, _____!
 - (2) The cat climbed the tree, _____!
 - (3) He scored the winning goal, _____!
 - (4) They missed the train, _____!
- (ii) Choose the correct interjection for each situation :
- (5) Surprise : _____
 - (6) Disappointment : _____
 - (7) Joy : _____
 - (8) Relief : _____
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