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First Semester

Part II — English

GENERAL ENGLISH — I

(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. What was the former name of Swat Valley?
(a) Uddyana (b) Kabul
(c) Maiwand (d) Chitral
2. How does Tagore address to the divine in the poem?
(a) My Mother (b) My Brother
(c) My Father (d) My Teacher

7. She sang a song. Sang is a _____.
(a) Finite verb (b) Non-Finite verb
(c) Auxiliary verb (d) Model verb
8. I myself will take care of it — “myself” is
(a) Reflexive Pronoun (b) Emphatic Pronoun
(c) Indefinite Pronoun (d) Relative Pronoun
9. Expository Paragraph expounds _____.
(a) an information (b) a question
(c) a doctrine (d) none
10. Which type of essay describes an event?
(a) Descriptive Essay (b) Narrative Essay
(c) Expository Essay (d) Persuasive Essay

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. Annotate the following :
(a) (i) “Our Butkara ruins were a magical place to play hide and seek.”
(ii) “My father never had any ambition to accumulate riches and left us very little property.”

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3. What color was the new cloak bought for Alice?
(a) Red (b) Green
(c) Grey (d) Blue
4. Who is the author of the story The School for Sympathy?
(a) William Wordsworth
(b) E.V. Lucas
(c) A.J. Cronin
(d) Charles Dickens
5. The woods in the poem are described as _____.
(a) creepy and dangerous
(b) lovely, dark and deep
(c) dark and eerie
(d) bright and sunny
6. Why did the widow want her brocade back from Sun Palace?
(a) To sell it for a higher price
(b) To teach the fairy ladies how to weave
(c) To prove her skill as a weaver
(d) She felt incomplete without it

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- (b) (i) “The final event of the day was approaching
Excitement grew high to begin.”
(ii) “And I to Durham, Sir, belong”.
12. (a) Why is Miss Beans school called the School of Sympathy?
Or
(b) Why does Alice weep bitterly?
13. (a) What does Edgar Guest convey about the concept of leadership and the potential for personal Transformation?
Or
(b) Describe Chen’s journey to retrieve the brocade.
14. (a) Write the feminine form of the following nouns :
(i) Bridegroom (ii) Nephew
(iii) Duke (iv) Bull
(v) Heir.
Or
(b) Insert the Adverbs in the correct place.
(i) Do you need help? (still)
(ii) They go by car. (always)

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- (iii) I read the newspaper in the morning.
(rarely)
- (iv) He could have tried to avoid trouble.
(tactfully)
- (v) The snake charmer picked up the snake.
(carefully)

15. (a) Write a paragraph on Benefits of walking.

Or

(b) Write a paragraph on Politeness.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) "People would see us and say we are a sweet family" — Explain Malala's statement.

Or

(b) How does Tagore convey the importance of truth and honesty in "Where the mind is without fear"?

17. (a) Discuss the poet's emotional journey as he witnesses Alice's distress and vulnerability.

Or

(b) Explore the Symbolism of fire in Barn Burning.

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(3) Mother says my brother and I (am / are) to go to the market.

(4) A teacher, along with forty students, (has / have) come here.

(ii) Use the correct form of adjective :

(1) He is the _____ person in the village. (oldest, eldest)

(2) Which is the _____ city in India? (bigger, biggest)

(3) My house is _____ from the airport than yours. (farther, farthest)

(4) Of the two brothers, Ram is _____ (cleverer, cleverest)

20. (a) Write an essay on Information Technology.

Or

(b) Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions :

For some days I was not permitted to go outside my enclosure for exercise or any other purpose. I was later allowed to go out for half an hour in the early mornings, when it was almost dark, and to walk or run under the main wall. That early morning hour had been fixed for me so that I might not come in contact with or be seen by other prisoners. I liked that outing, and it refreshed me

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18. (a) Discuss the theme of solitude and introspection in Frost's poem.

Or

(b) Elucidate the magical and fantastical setting of The Magic Brocade.

19. (a) (i) Identify the countable and uncountable Nouns :

(1) She enjoys her work.

(2) Where is my luggage?

(3) She loves music.

(4) This is an enchanting song.

(ii) Rewrite the sentences with the plural of the noun in bracket.

(1) All the _____ have been sold. (ox)

(2) There are some _____ in the ruling party. (crisis)

(3) All the _____ were eating grass. (deer)

(4) The new _____ have arrived. (video)

Or

(b) (i) Choose the correct form of the verb :

(1) The whole class (is / are) happy.

(2) The actor are his managers (has / have) made a mistake.

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tremendously. In order to compress as much open air exercise as I could in the short time at my disposal, I took to running, and gradually increased this to over two miles daily.

I used to get up very early in the morning, about four, or even half past three, when it was quite dark. Partly this was due to going to bed early, as the light provided was not good for much reading. I like to watch the stars, and the position of some well-known constellations would give me the approximate time. From where I lay I could just see the Pole Star peeping over the wall, and as it was always there, I found it extra ordinary comforting. Surrounded by a revolving sky, it seemed to be a symbol of cheerful constancy and perseverance.

(i) Why was Nehru allowed to go out only in the early morning?

(ii) What exercise did he take?

(iii) When did he get up?

(iv) What did he like to watch?

(v) Why did he find the pole star extraordinarily comforting?

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