

U.G. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
NOVEMBER 2023.

Second Semester

Part II — English

GENERAL ENGLISH — II

(For those who joined in July 2017-2019)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. \_\_\_\_\_ men make good companions on a railway journey.  
(a) Seafaring (b) Fire-Service  
(c) Police (d) Post
2. The men of Manchus had the custom to wear \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Scarfs (b) Helmets  
(c) Pigtails (d) Caps

3. The solitary child is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Mary (b) Jenny  
(c) Lucy (d) Christi
4. The unique characteristic of gold as used by John Donne is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Malleability (b) Commodity value  
(c) Sparkle (d) Rigidity
5. \_\_\_\_\_ demands to refund the tuition fee.  
(a) Wasserkopf (b) Wasserkopf's friend  
(c) The Principal (d) The Teachers
6. Doctor Stronetz is the personal physician of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Prince Dimitri (b) Prince Karl  
(c) Prince Edward (d) Prince Henry
7. It \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.  
(a) rains (b) rained  
(c) rain (d) will rain
8. The object in the active voice depends the \_\_\_\_\_ in the passive voice.  
(a) negative (b) positive  
(c) subject (d) active

9. In personal letters, the writers address and the date should be written at the \_\_\_\_\_ corner of the letter.  
(a) Left hand top (b) right hand top  
(c) Right bottom (d) Left bottom
10. "I am afraid it is not possible" is an example of  
(a) seeking permission  
(b) giving permission  
(c) refusing permission  
(d) making request

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. Explain with reference to the context choosing either (a) or (b).  
(a) (i) "Courtesy and modesty perished in the world of travel on the day when she took her first journey".  
(ii) He sat down in the darkness waiting for the train, and sang softly to himself.

Or

- (b) (i) "Persecution is used in theology, not in arithmetic".  
(ii) "These tanks play a vital role in South Indian Agriculture".
12. Explain with reference to the context choosing either (a) or (b).  
(a) (i) "My mother only said  
Thank God, the scorpion picked on me  
and spared my children."  
(ii) "No Mate, no comrade Lucy knew;  
She dwelt on a wild Moor,  
The sweetest Thing that ever grew  
Beside a human door!"

Or

- (b) (i) "Dull sublunary lovers' love  
(Whose soul is sense) cannot admit  
Absence, because it doth remove  
Those things which elemented it."  
(ii) "If you can dream — and not make  
dreams your master;  
If you can think — and not make  
thoughts your aim,"

13. (a) Explain the lifestyle of Jack and Jill.

Or

- (b) Mention some instances of the Bishop's generosity.

14. (a) Fill in the blanks with correct verb forms.

You \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) in social circles. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to launch a new business, a partnership \_\_\_\_\_ (be) lucky. All legal matters \_\_\_\_\_ (settle) by the end of March, but April and May \_\_\_\_\_ (be) unlucky for you!

Or

- (b) Report the following :

- (i) Grandmother said, "Mangoes fall down when they are ripe."
- (ii) Aunt Meena said, "The children are playing in the mud!"
- (iii) Reshma said, "Renu has invited me to the party."
- (iv) Anita says, "All my friends will come to the wedding."
- (v) This pamphlet says, "Kerala is God's Own Country".

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15. (a) Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of Nayasaland drawing his attention to the bad condition of the roads in your area.

Or

- (b) Develop the hints into a story by giving it a title and a moral.

Two sisters returning home - lonely road - man on cycle - snatches chain - from the younger sister - weeps - the elder sister says - does not matter, only imitation worth two rupees - man in anger throws the chain - girl picks up - gold chain - intelligent girl.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) What is soil erosion and afforestation? Explain their impact in the environment.

Or

- (b) Describe the experience of J.B. Priestley with the fellow travellers during train journey.

17. (a) Prove the poem "Lucy Gray" as a poem of nature.

Or

- (b) Elucidate the love between the poet and his wife through the poem "Valediction : Forbidden Mourning".

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18. (a) Justify the title of the play "Refund".

Or

- (b) Explain the intelligence and presence of mind of the Doctor and the Prince to take revenge on the conspirators.

19. (a) Change the following sentences into passive form.

- (i) Picasso painted this picture.
- (ii) They powder the ore and mix it with water.
- (iii) Hundreds of electric bulbs illuminated the house.
- (iv) The government has hiked the price of petrol.
- (v) Lightning struck the building.
- (vi) They say fibre is good for your health.
- (vii) They can finish the entire work in six months.
- (viii) Someone has to pack the suitcase.

Or

- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners.

When \_\_\_\_\_ famous American, Daniel Webster, was \_\_\_\_\_ school boy, he often went to school with dirty hands and face. \_\_\_\_\_ teacher warned him that she would punish him if he didn't wash before class \_\_\_\_\_ next day. Daniel paid \_\_\_\_\_ attention. \_\_\_\_\_ next morning, the teacher asked him to hold out \_\_\_\_\_ hand for inspection. \_\_\_\_\_ teacher looked and shook her head.

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20. (a) When the college reopened after the Pongal vacation, Shawn and Freddy meet and talk to each other about the way they celebrated the festival. Write a dialogue.

Or

- (b) Make notes of the following passage.

Anaesthetics are drugs causing unconsciousness, insensibility to pain. Their use in modern medicine permits painless surgery during the simplest operation of a few minutes duration to the most delicate operation lasting many hours.

Anaesthetics are divided into two broad groups - general anaesthetics and local anaesthetics. General anaesthetics cause total unconsciousness in the patient by temporarily altering the normal activities of the central nervous system. Local anaesthetics temporarily deaden sensation on a particular, or local, area of the body.

General anaesthetics are usually administered to the patient in one of two ways, inhalation or intravenous injection. In the inhalation method the patient breathes a gas or vapour into his lungs. In the intravenous injection the drug is put directly into a vein.

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