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Language – Part B – ENGLISH – Paper I

Time Allowed : 2½ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

- Instructions :**
- (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
 - (2) Use Black or Blue ink to write.

Note : This question paper contains five sections.

SECTION - A

(VOCABULARY : 20 MARKS)

PART - I

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words :

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Japanese people faced a lot of hardships (i) due to Tsunami. The disaster warning contrivances (ii) did help but to a limited extent only. The valour (iii) of the marine coast guards who rescued 150 persons from the tall wave surrounded sky scraper was commendable. All the countries of the world offered their substantial help in the renovation (iv) efforts of Japan. It did not suffice (v) if they just gave dollars but they also sent teams of doctors and engineers to help them rebuild their homes and their lives too.

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| (i) | (a) comforts | (b) efforts |
| | (c) costs | (d) difficulties |
| (ii) | (a) contraceptives | (b) concepts |
| | (c) machines | (d) committees |
| (iii) | (a) timidity | (b) bravery |
| | (c) honour | (d) integrity |

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- (iv) (a) repair of something into good condition
 (b) ravage
 (c) demolish
 (d) build a new
- (v) (a) surplus (b) be enough for
 (c) be scarce (d) be inadequate

2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words :

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Sir Philip Sidney's 'An Apology for poetry' is a rare (i) and essential (ii) critical document. All the lovers of English literature remember (iii) the critic for it. It is also fascinating (iv) to note his glory (v) at the battle field. He sacrificed his life to save the life of a dying soldier quenching his thirst with his bottled water uttering "Thy need is greater than mine".

- (i) (a) common (b) dear
 (c) unusual (d) strange
- (ii) (a) crucial (b) major
 (c) critical (d) unimportant
- (iii) (a) think (b) realise
 (c) forget (d) recall
- (iv) (a) interesting (b) boring
 (c) enthusiastic (d) attractive
- (v) (a) shame (b) power
 (c) fame (d) popularity

PART - II

Answer any ten of the following :

10x1=10

3. Which of the following is the right expansion of CA ?
- (a) Chief Accountant (b) Central Accountant
(c) Chief Army (d) Chartered Accountant
4. Choose the sentence that is correct in meaning :
- (a) I can hear the bell from here.
(b) I can here the bell from hear.
5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word :
Children are fond of jam.
6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word 'soft' to form a compound word ?
- (a) play (b) ware (c) run (d) cycle
7. What is the plural form of the words 'man servant' ?
- (a) man servants (b) men servant (c) men servants
8. Attach a prefix to the word 'national' from the list given below to complete the sentence :
- Kumar started his career at a _____ national company.
- (a) trans (b) multi (c) ultra (d) over

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9. Replace the underlined words in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning :

You must keep some money for future use.

- (a) lay off (b) lay about (c) lay by (d) lay over

10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words :

- (a) inside (b) survival (c) observable

11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence :

Raju will _____ a letter next week.

- (a) get (b) receive

12. Construct a sentence using one of the words given below :

- (a) penalty (b) penalised (c) penal

13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a verb :

Most Labour laws face the challenge of implementation.

14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning ?

Majority of the students passed their English paper.

- (a) Very few students failed in their English paper.
(b) Very few students passed in their English paper.

SECTION - B
(GRAMMAR : 25 MARKS)

PART - I

Answer **all** the following :

10x1=10

Respond to the following as directed.

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence ?

If I were a Millionaire, _____.

- (a) I will help the needy.
(b) I would help the needy.
(c) I would have helped the needy.

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence :

He was going to school

- (a) SVO (b) SVA (c) SVCA

17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement :

Our team will win the match, _____ ?

- (a) will n't it (b) won't it (c) will it

18. Complete the sentence.

Very few birds in the world are _____ as peacock.

- (a) more beautiful (b) as beautiful (c) most beautiful

19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below :

He not only bowls well but also bats well.

- (a) He bowls and bats well
(b) He only bowls well
(c) He only bats well

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PART - II

Answer all the following :

5x2=10

Rewrite as directed.

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence :

The box is very heavy. We cannot lift it.

26. Rewrite the sentence in the other voice :

We should help the poor and they will praise us.

27. Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech :

"What a beautiful view it is !" said my friend.

28. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence using the 'If' clause :

Don't waste water. Our resources will be severely depleted.

29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison :

Kannan is 6 feet tall

Velan is 5 feet tall

Mani is 4.5 feet tall

Durai is 5.5 feet tall

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PART - III

30. Punctuate the following sentence :

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SECTION - C

(PROSE : 15 MARKS)

PART - I

Answer briefly **any five** of the following questions. Your answer should **not exceed 30 words.** 5x2=10

31. What was the condition laid down by the Colonel to allow Hughie's engagement to Laura ?
32. How is music different from astronomy ?
33. What requires whole - hearted devotion ?
34. What can lead the world to violence ?
35. Which are the states in India that have shown concern for the domestic workers ?
36. Who are the brave little voyagers ?
37. List out the specialities of Thanjavur.

PART - II

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words :

1x5=5

38. (a) How is character important in life ?
OR
(b) Did Hughie mistake the Baron for a beggar ? What happened as a result ?
OR
(c) What makes the Brihadeesvarar Temple unique and outstanding ?

SECTION - D
(POETRY : 20 MARKS)

PART - I

Quote from memory any one of the following extracts :

1x5=5

39. (a) The first five lines of the poem, "Manliness"
From : If you can dream _____
To : _____ and sinew.
OR
(b) Five lines of the poem "Migrant bird".
From : I breed my _____
To : _____ make them last.

PART - II

Read the following sets of Poetic lines and answer the questions given below :

5x1=5

40. "A Geode can split to reveal
A dazzling sight to view !"
Choose the correct answer :
Geode is a _____.
(a) a rock with a cavity filled with crystals.
(b) a precious stone found in mines.
41. "Softly, in the dusk, a woman is singing to me,
Taking me back down the vista of years, till I see"
Whom does 'I' refer to ?
42. "The well was dry beside the door,
And so we went with pail and can"
Where was the well ? What was its condition ?

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43. "For Oh" say the children, "We are weary,
And we cannot run or leap".
Who are weary? Why?
44. "I spread my wings through all the din";
Who is the speaker here?

PART - III

Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below :

5x1=5

45. "No walls for me, no vigil gates,
No flags, no machine guns that blast
Citizens of those border states-"
Pick out the words that rhyme in these lines.
46. "And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she sings"
Pick out the words in alliteration.
47. "But once within the wood, we paused
Like gnomes that hid us from the moon,
Ready to run to hiding new
With laughter when she found us soon.
Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.
48. "Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears
The tempo is fickle-"
Identify the figure of speech employed here.
49. "Ove' wheels' (breaking out in a mad moaning)
'Stop! be silent for today!'
Choose the figure of speech used here.
(a) Simile (b) Metaphor (c) Personification

PART - IV

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words :

1x5=5

50. (a) What are the views of the poet on the manner in which the millionaire acquires his wealth ?

OR

- (b) How does the bird's life differ from the life of human beings ?

OR

- (c) How does the Shilpi succeed in creating God's Image in stone ?

SECTION - E

(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS : 20 MARKS)

51. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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A countryman's son by accident trod upon on a snake's tail which turned and bit him so that he died. The father in a rage got his axe and pursuing the snake, cut off part of its tail. So the snake in revenge began stinging several of the farmer's cattle and caused him severe loss. Well, the farmer thought it is best to make it up with the snake, and brought food and honey to the mouth of the lair, and said to it, "Lets' forget and forgive ; perhaps you were right to punish my son, and take vengeance on my cattle, but surely I was right in trying to revenge him ; now that we are both satisfied why should not we be friends again" ? "No, no", said the snake, "Take away your gifts ; you can never forget the death of your son, nor I the loss of my tail". Injuries may be forgiven but not forgotten.

Questions :

- (a) Who are the characters in this story ?
 (b) Why did the father take up his axe and what did he do with it ?
 (c) How did the snake react when he lost his tail ?
 (d) What did the farmer offer the snake and tell him ?
 (e) State whether the following statement is true or false.

The snake believed that injuries could be forgiven and forgotten.

52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences :

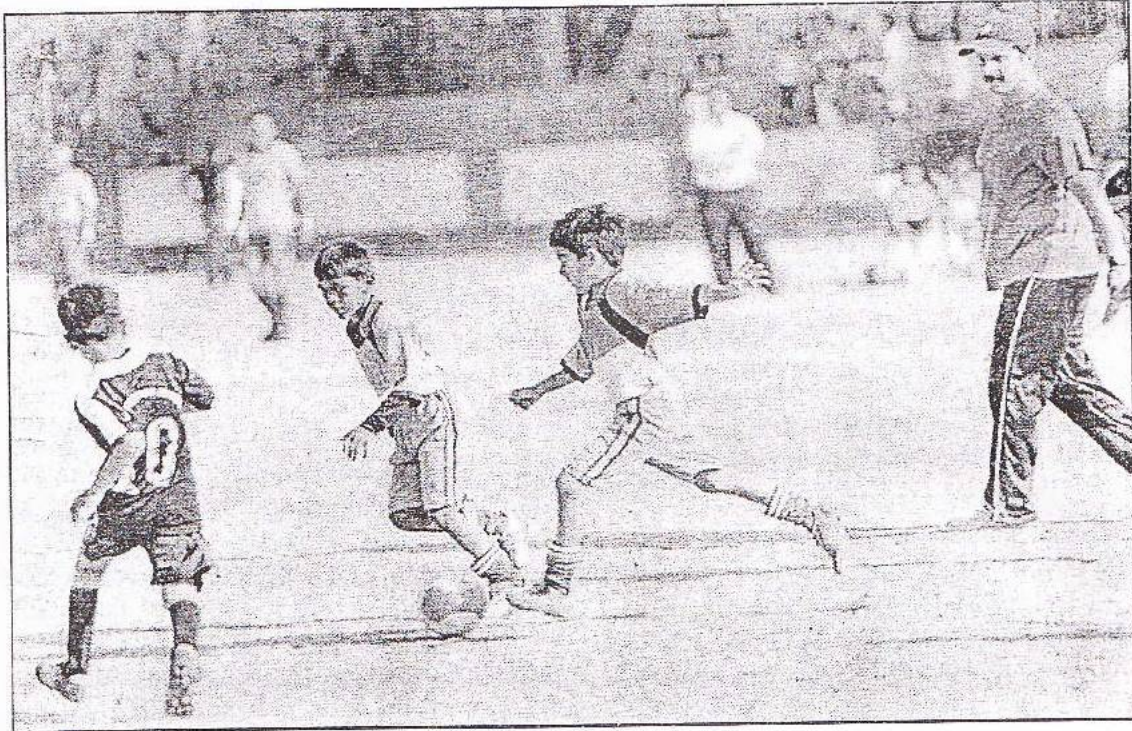
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- (a) If I were a bird, I will fly in the sky.
 (b) My uncle is one of the richest man in the village.
 (c) I place great confidence on you.
 (d) We bought the furnitures last week.
 (e) Lekha is most clever than her sister.

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53. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences of your own :

5x1=5



Questions :

- (a) How many players are there ?
- (b) Which game are they playing ?
- (c) Who is the person who regulates the game ?
- (d) Where is the game being played ?
- (e) Which is your favourite game ?