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Third Semester

Part II – English

GENERAL ENGLISH – I

(For those who joined in July 2021 & 2022 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Character is that on which the \_\_\_\_\_ of a nation is built.
  - (a) continuity
  - (b) choice
  - (c) destiny
  - (d) volition

2. Why the author used to go to moorland in "On Doing Nothing"?
- (a) For playing games
  - (b) For meditation
  - (c) For worshipping God
  - (d) For enjoyment
3. The poem "Summer Woods" begins with the poet's feeling of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) enjoying the life with fullest
  - (b) hatred towards this monotonous life
  - (c) laziness and discontented life
  - (d) the stress and suffering in life
4. What does the speaker describe as "Pestilence-stricken multitudes"?
- (a) Seeds falling to the ground
  - (b) Dead leaves in the autumn
  - (c) People who have fallen on the "thorns of life"
  - (d) Poets
5. In "The Dark Room" Ramani worked as a/an \_\_\_\_\_ at an insurance company.
- (a) manager
  - (b) clerk
  - (c) secretary
  - (d) accountant

6. Savitri wants to die and runs out the house to jump into the \_\_\_\_\_ river.
- (a) Yamuna
  - (b) Ganga
  - (c) Narmada
  - (d) Sarayu
7. Which of the following sentences has the structure 'Subject + Verb + Subordinate clause'?
- (a) I gifted him a pen
  - (b) I wondered where he went
  - (c) Where did you go yesterday?
  - (d) How are you doing?
8. Identify the sentence having the below mentioned verb pattern.
- Subject + Verb + Subject complement
- (a) He wanted to leave
  - (b) Birds fly
  - (c) His father is an army officer
  - (d) You have the right to remain silent
9. How many consonant sounds are there?
- (a) 24
  - (b) 21
  - (c) 44
  - (d) 41

10. Give the meaning of the foreign phrase given below. 'Aide'

- (a) father (b) friend  
(c) helper (d) teacher

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) How does Shiv Khera define the ways to build self esteem in "How to Win"?

Or

(b) Discuss on Priestley's perspective on 'busy people' and 'the doctrine of the strenuous life'.

12. (a) In what extent the poem "Summer Woods" convey about the poet's desire to escape from city life?

Or

(b) Write on the disruptive power of war as expressed in the poem "Beat Beat Drums".

13. (a) Justify the title "The Dark Room".

Or

(b) Bring out the character sketch of Ramani in "The Dark Room".

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14. (a) Read the following sentences and change them into reported speech.

- (i) Jon said, "I like to play rugby".  
(ii) My mother said, "I get up early every morning".  
(iii) The maths teacher said, "Three divided by three is one."  
(iv) Mohit said, "Switzerland is a very beautiful country".  
(v) Ruben said, "It is very cold outside".

Or

(b) Choose the correct answer :

- (i) Jerry promised \_\_\_\_\_ (to fix/fixing) my computer for me.  
(ii) I love this city. I can't imagine \_\_\_\_\_ (not to live/not living) here.  
(iii) I meant \_\_\_\_\_ (to buy/buying) some stamps yesterday, but I forgot.  
(iv) Do your children enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (to play/playing) computer games?  
(v) The doctor told Henry to stop \_\_\_\_\_ (to smoke/smoking).

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15. (a) Write on the classification of consonants by the manner of articulation.

Or

- (b) Pick the correct meaning for each of the following foreign phrases :

(i) Boutique

- (1) Beauty
- (2) Bazaar
- (3) A shop
- (4) Bouquet

(ii) Eureka

- (1) Amazement
- (2) I have found
- (3) Attack
- (4) Disappointment

(iii) Magnum opus

- (1) Magnification
- (2) Horrible
- (3) Terrific
- (4) A great work

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(iv) Bona fide

- (1) Good faith
- (2) Good night
- (3) Bonus
- (4) Benefit

(v) Vice-versa

- (1) Assistant
- (2) The vice officer
- (3) An evil deed
- (4) The terms being exchanged.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) In what extent character is important in our lives with reference to Dr. Radhakrishnan's "Character is Destiny".

Or

- (b) Write on Leacock's satirical comment on the differences and similarities between modern science and wisdom from the past in "How to be a Doctor".

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17. (a) How did Shelley describe the power of the west wind over land, sky and sea and why it is called as the 'destroyer' and the 'preserver'?

Or

- (b) Write a critical appreciation of Gabriel Okara's poem "Once Upon a Time".

18. (a) How does R.K. Narayan's "Abridged Version of the Dark Room". Explore the theme of domestic disharmony? – Discuss.

Or

- (b) Bring out the characterization of women in "The Dark Room".

19. (a) Rearrange the following jumbled words in order :

- (i) Ramesh / the park / a boy / met / one day / in  
(ii) was / old / young boy / seven years / the / only  
(iii) asked / the nearest / he / bookstore / about / him  
(iv) wanted / buy / he / to / books / a few  
(v) is / known / Jaipur / pink city / as

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- (vi) in the / are / building / city / in pink colour / painted / most of the

- (vii) go there / one / bus / from Delhi / can easily / by

- (viii) wear / these / people / a majority / of / days / a watch

Or

- (b) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in the brackets.

- (i) Thomas Edison \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) the electric lamp in 1879.

- (ii) The clouds \_\_\_\_\_ (move) across the sky.

- (iii) Sita \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) gently with everyone.

- (iv) It seldom \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) here in February.

- (v) The horse \_\_\_\_\_ (gallop) across the fields.

- (vi) I \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) the meeting tomorrow.

- (vii) I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to solve this sum.

- (viii) It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) when I left the house.

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20. (a) Write in detail on consonants and consonant sounds in English with examples.

Or

- (b) Fill in the blanks using the right choice given in brackets.
- (i) What is the \_\_\_\_\_ (prize / price) of it.
  - (ii) Please \_\_\_\_\_ (pray / prey) for me.
  - (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ (peel / peel) the orange with a knife.
  - (iv) Please \_\_\_\_\_ (pass / pause) for a while.
  - (v) The time is half \_\_\_\_\_ (passed / past) ten.
  - (vi) Her face became \_\_\_\_\_ (pale / pall) because of fear.
  - (vii) \_\_\_\_\_ (Led / Lead) is a heavy metal.
  - (viii) There is a \_\_\_\_\_ (whole / hole) in the bucket.
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