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Part – II – English

GENERAL ENGLISH – II

(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 does the word 'trudging' mean in the poem "Don't Quit?"
  - (a) Sitting Idle
  - (b) Walking slowly
  - (c) Not walking
  - (d) Walking fast

2. What does the phrase 'still here' in the poem "Still Here" emphasise?
- (a) The fleeting nature of life
  - (b) Escaping from challenges
  - (c) Strength and resilience in tough situations
  - (d) Joy and happiness
3. What does the snake in the poem "Snake" represent?
- (a) Fear of nature
  - (b) Mythological power
  - (c) A symbol of guilt and respect
  - (d) A dangerous creature
4. The scribe in the short story "The Scribe" helps people by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Reading ancient scriptures
  - (b) Writing letters for the illiterate
  - (c) Teaching them to write
  - (d) Solving legal problems

5. The grandmother in the story "How I Taught My Grandmother to Read" is inspired to learn reading because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Story in a weekly magazine
  - (b) a TV show
  - (c) Her granddaughter's advice
  - (d) A religious book
6. How does the frog overcome challenges in the story "How the Frog Went to Heaven?"
- (a) By using clever tricks
  - (b) By praying for a miracle
  - (c) By relying on his inner strength
  - (d) By seeking help from other animals
7. Which of the following sentences uses the present perfect tense correctly?
- (a) I was seeing that movie yesterday
  - (b) I saw that movie yesterday
  - (c) I have seen that movie already
  - (d) I have seen that movie yesterday

8. Which of the following sentences demonstrates subject-verb concord correctly?

- (a) The lists of items is on the table
- (b) The list of items is on the table
- (c) The list of items has been on the tables
- (d) The list of items are on the table

9. What should be avoided in professional emails?

- (a) Formal salutations
- (b) Abbreviations and slang
- (c) Clear subject lines
- (d) Polite language

10. What is one of the key characteristics of a memo?

- (a) It is a personal letter
- (b) It is formal and direct
- (c) It is always used for external communication
- (d) It is lengthy and detailed

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What does the poem "Don't Quit" view on the relationship between success and failure?

Or

- (b) What does Rip Van Winkle do that eventually leads to his long sleep?

12. (a) What does the speaker decide to do with the first path, in the poem "The Road Not Taken"?

Or

- (b) What was the significance of the princess's hand movement during the trial in "The Lady or The Tiger"?

13. (a) What did Kimana do while Frog was in Heaven with the Sky Maiden?

Or

- (b) How did A.P.J Abdul Kalam's science teacher, Sivasubramania Iyer, break social barriers?

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14. (a) Use the appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in brackets.

- (i) He \_\_\_\_\_ (not pay) the rent regularly.
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) letters since this morning.
- (iii) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) Karate for the past six months.
- (iv) Richard \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the captain of his team since 1989.
- (v) She \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) over the phone now.

Or

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the auxiliary verbs given in brackets.

- (i) Every man and every woman \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to contribute to our society.
- (ii) Each and every citizen \_\_\_\_\_ (be) ready to die for his country.
- (iii) Every poor and every disabled \_\_\_\_\_ (get) his share.
- (iv) Each man and each lady \_\_\_\_\_ (live) for his or her near and dear.
- (v) Every dream and every thought \_\_\_\_\_ (make) up a man.

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15. (a) Write an email to a bookseller, asking him to send you a catalogue of his publications.

Or

(b) What are the guidelines for writing minutes?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Attempt a critical appreciation of Langston Hughes' poem, "Still Here".

Or

(b) Comment on the significance of the title of Narayan's "Engine Trouble".

17. (a) Summarise Kristin Hunter's short story, "The Scribe".

Or

(b) Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Snake".

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18. (a) "For learning there is no age bar" – Explain Murty's grandmother's statement.

Or

- (b) Describe the hardships encountered by Kalam to attain his dream.

19. (a) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the verbs in brackets.

- (i) Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) late for work because I got up only at 7.30 am.
- (ii) Sheela \_\_\_\_\_ (burn) her hand when she cooked dinner.
- (iii) The painter \_\_\_\_\_ (fall off) the ladder when he painted the ceiling.
- (iv) I \_\_\_\_\_ (not recognize) Priya because she changed a lot.
- (v) She \_\_\_\_\_ (break down) when she heard the news.

- (vi) I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about the problem all night.

- (vii) She \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner when the door bell rang.

- (viii) He \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me that he would not meet you.

Or

- (b) Choose the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

- (i) Anyone \_\_\_\_\_ it easily. (do, does)
- (ii) A thousand metres \_\_\_\_\_ a good distance. (is, are)
- (iii) None but the brave \_\_\_\_\_ the praise. (deserve, deserves)
- (iv) Time and tide \_\_\_\_\_ for no man. (wait, waits)
- (v) A large number of women \_\_\_\_\_ present at the meeting. (was, were)
- (vi) Which one of these umbrellas \_\_\_\_\_ yours? (is, are)
- (vii) Neither my sisters nor my brother \_\_\_\_\_ there. (play, plays)
- (viii) Fire and ice \_\_\_\_\_ not agree. (do, does)

20. (a) Draft a memo to an employee against his habit of reading the newspapers and magazines during office hours.

Or

- (b) Write an email to your younger brother, congratulating him on his success in the exam and good marks in all subjects.
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