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Second Semester

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. Edgar Albert Guest is known as the ____
(a) Nature poet (b) People's poet
(c) Great poet (d) Elite's poet

2. According to Hughes, the _____ burns his skin.
(a) Pole star (b) Earth
(c) Moon (d) Sun
3. Who is the protagonist of Kristin Hunter's short story, "The Scribe"?
(a) Tony (b) Pony
(c) Ramsay (d) James
4. The princess in "The Lady or the Tiger" likes the lover because he is _____.
(a) Handsome and brave
(b) Intelligent
(c) Kind
(d) Gentle
5. Who gifted the narrator a frock material in "How I taught my Grandmother to Read"?
(a) Her brother (b) Her sister
(c) Her Grandmother (d) Her Grandfather
6. According to Kalam, _____ helps one to tap and develop great potential strength and ability?
(a) Isolation (b) Prayer
(c) Anxiety (d) Rejection

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. Identify the sentence that uses past continuous tense correctly.

- (a) She sleeps when I called her.
- (b) She slept when I was calling her.
- (c) She is sleeping when I called her.
- (d) She was sleeping when I called her.

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 recorded in the minutes of the meeting?

- (a) Key points discussed and decisions made
- (b) Attendance details of all employees
- (c) Future meeting schedules only
- (d) Personal opinions of participants

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What, according to Guest, is the mistake of the struggles?

Or

(b) Describe Rip Van Winkle's 20 years long nap.

12. (a) Sketch the character of 'The Barbarous King' in "The Lady, or the Tiger".

Or

(b) How was the speaker gnawed by a feeling of guilt in "The Snake"?

13. (a) Describe the efforts of Kimana to win the sky maiden.

Or

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

14. (a) Fill up the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets :

- (i) Bread and butter _____ (be) my breakfast.
(ii) Knowledge and power _____ (make) a man great.
(iii) Slow and steady _____ (win) the race.
(iv) Bacon and eggs _____ (be) served.
(v) Sincerity and hard work _____ (help) a man to grow.

Or

- (b) Fill up the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets :

- (i) We _____ (visit) Delhi last year.
(ii) I _____ (play) tennis every day.
(iii) I _____ (meet) her, next month.
(iv) They _____ (paint) the house very soon.
(v) The burglar _____ (escape) before the police arrived.

15. (a) Discuss the purpose of writing minutes.

Or

- (b) Draft a memo to an employee for his being habitually late.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Comment on the significance of the title "Engine Trouble".

Or

- (b) How does Hughes challenge white supremacy in his poem, "Still Here"?

17. (a) Justify the role of James as a scribe in "The Scribe".

Or

- (b) Analyse the theme of individuality and the significance of choice in "The Road not Taken".

18. (a) Discuss the significance of education and its transformative power in "How I taught my Grandmother to Read".

Or

- (b) Attempt an essay on the childhood experiences of Kalam.

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

- (i) Thousand kilometres _____ (be) not a long distance now a days.
- (ii) Two thousand students in a college _____ (be) the normal strength.
- (iii) 3 Four rupees _____ (be) charged for a cup of coffee.
- (iv) Thirty days _____ (make) a month.
- (v) Two thirds of the M.L.A.s _____ (form) the assembly.
- (vi) No salary or bonus _____ (be) given to the workers in the factory.
- (vii) Either my sister or my brother _____ (have) failed in the exam.
- (viii) Raman or Anil _____ (do) the work.

Or

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

- (i) The children _____ (play) in the park.
- (ii) She _____ (do) her homework before dinner every day.
- (iii) They _____ (go) to the museum tomorrow.

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(iv) Rohan _____ (go) to his friend's house yesterday.

(v) I _____ (have) breakfast when you called me.

(vi) She _____ (complete) her project by next week.

(vii) The teacher _____ (teach) the lesson now.

(viii) We _____ (watch) the movie last night.

20. (a) Write the Minutes of Meeting of the Student's Union Council.

Or

(b) Write an Email to your friend congratulating him/her on the success in UPSC Examination.

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