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Third Semester

Part II — English

GENERAL ENGLISH – III

(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. The chain that Della had bought for Jim was made of _____.
- (a) Silver (b) Platinum
(c) Gold (d) Copper

2. Active listening requires _____.
- (a) Skill (b) Concentration
(c) Interest (d) Focused attention
3. The African tenant said that his palms were _____.
- (a) Brunette (b) Blond
(c) Chocolate (d) Pale
4. The life of a friendless man is like a _____.
- (a) Dangerous storm (b) Dry lake
(c) Unpolished stone (d) Desolate desert
5. "Leisure" was written _____.
- (a) Bacon (b) Davies
(c) O'Henry (d) Robin sharma
6. The author of "Where there is a will" _____.
- (a) Browning (b) Tennyson
(c) Dattani (d) O'Henry

7. Choose the correct Idiomatic Expression

I usually check my e-mail before _____
at night.

- (a) Hit the hay (b) Dead in water
(c) Cats and dogs (d) Odd one out

8. You _____ be polite to your teachers

- (a) may (b) should
(c) can (d) might

9. _____ invitations do not include the names
of addressees.

- (a) Informal (b) Formal
(c) Personal (d) Unofficial

10. _____ typically consist of folded sheets of
paper that contain text, images, graphics, and
other visual elements.

- (a) Calendar (b) Brochure
(c) Invitation (d) Pamphlets

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Comment on the role of empathy as put forth
by Robin Sharma.

Or

- (b) Discuss the efforts suggested by Maathai for
a sustainable future.

12. (a) What does Bacon say about the fruits of
friendship?

Or

- (b) How have the Blacks been treated as detailed
in "Still I Rise"?

13. (a) Discuss the characteristics of anxiety as
brought out by McFerran in her poem
"Anxiety Monster"?

Or

- (b) How does Ahmed's wife convince him to
become the diviner?

14. (a) Identify the gerund in the following sentences.

- (i) She dislikes smoking.
- (ii) Seeing is believing.
- (iii) Ribu heard of her winning a prize.
- (iv) Ashok is fond of playing.
- (v) They love making castles in the air.

Or

(b) Choose the appropriate phrasal verb

- (i) I was away all day yesterday.
I _____ very late. (Keep away, got back)
- (ii) I haven't seen our neighbours for a while. I think they must _____ (have gone away, be back)
- (iii) I smiled at him, but he didn't _____.
(get away, smile back)
- (iv) The birds _____ for the winter.
(walked away, fly away)
- (v) Be careful! That's a electric fence;
_____ from it. (Keep away, be back)

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15. (a) Write a Complaint letter about the insanitary Condition in your area.

Or

(b) Make a Brochure to advertise that co-education is a boon.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write a short note on "The Gift of the Magi".

Or

(b) Write a detailed essay on the Nobel Prize acceptance Speech of Wangari Maathai.

17. (a) Write an essay on the conservational quality of Soyinka's poem "Telephone Conversation".

Or

(b) What does Bacon say about friendship?

18. (a) Justify the title of the play "Where There's a Will".

Or

(b) Write a detailed Critical appreciation of the poem 'Leisure'.

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19. (a) Choose the correct 'Model Verb' given in brackets.

- (i) We _____ go to the beach this evening. (shall, should)
- (ii) _____ I borrow your dictionary. (might, could)
- (iii) You _____ not waste our time. (could, should)
- (iv) _____ I Come in? (may, will)
- (v) We _____ help our father (ought to, may)
- (vi) D you _____ my help. (need, need not)
- (vii) I _____ climb trees, (can, need)
- (viii) They _____ help you. (can, may)
- (ix) He _____ some help. (needs, may)
- (x) We _____ speak German. (ought to, can)

Or

(b) Fill in the blanks with a suitable infinitive, add 'to' to the verb.

- (i) _____ others is good. (reign, help)
- (ii) Ram likes _____ cards. (sing, play)
- (iii) Logu's custom is _____ daily. (ride, run)

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(iv) Naresha has no choice but _____ . (obey, run)

(v) The speaker is about _____ (start, begin)

(vi) Thangam and Kalai want _____ the news. (convey, share)

(vii) Sri was called _____ (see, speak)

(viii) Brutus comes _____ Caesar. (bury, push)

(ix) Ravi came _____ the desolation caused by the flood. (walk, see)

(x) The boys are anxious _____ (read, learn)

20. (a) Write a letter to the Police Commissioner, complaining against the rising incidents of theft and pickpocketing in your area.

Or

(b) What is a Brochure? What are all the types of Brochures? Explain.

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