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Language — Part II — ENGLISH — Paper I**(Reader and Linguistic Competencies)**

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Instruction :

In your answer-book, use the Arabic numerals 1 to 69 of the questions you are answering.

SECTION - A**(Vocabulary — Lexical Competencies)**

(Marks : 30)

I. A. Choose the most appropriate of the four given contexts which comes closest to the *italicized lexical item* in each of the following sentences :

5 × 1 = 5

1. A proliferation *accelerated* to something like the speed of light.

a) *rushed* out before he entered the scene.

b) The bonus amount was increased.

c) The train speeded up before I got in.

d) His letter delayed the action.

2. Women's marvellous power is *dormant*.

a) Generally women are sympathetic.

b) The students' latent talent was brought out by their teachers.

c) Tiled flooring looks very beautiful.

d) She fights for her rights.

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3. Rockets which struck *unheralded* by sound or sight.

- a) Sathya inherited her father's property.
- b) Diamond cuts diamond.
- c) Thunder struck after lightning.
- d) The participants walked in unannounced.

4. All memories of the *bizarre* journey vanish.

- a) Stellas' performance in the examination is remarkable.
- b) We enjoyed the sea-breeze.
- c) Hema completed the essay quickly.
- d) We saw a strange animal in the woods.

5. The good is oft *interred* with their bones.

- a) We cleaned our house last week.
- b) The treasure was found buried in our garden.
- c) Gokul fixed a chiming clock on the wall.
- d) Garbage should be dumped in the compost pit.

B. Choose the accurate of the *four* given words which is *opposite* to the meaning of the italicized word or phrase in each of the following sentences :

5 × 1 = 5

6. Dip their napkins in his *sacred* blood.

- a) filthy
- b) soily
- c) holy
- d) unholy.

7. Icicles hang from *abandoned* roofs.

- a) adapted
- b) unrestrained
- c) deserted
- d) inhabited.

8. Snakes are the most *vile* of God's creatures.

- a) good
- b) meek
- c) repulsive
- d) unpleasant.

SECTION - B

(Grammatical Competencies)

(Marks : 20)

II. A. Fill in the blanks of the following sentences : 10 × 1 = 10

24. You not write on the wall.

(use a modal verb)

25. Water (boil) at 100°C temperature.

(use the given verb in suitable form)

26. If you work hard you (pass) in the examination.

(use the correct tense form of the word given in the brackets)

27. The Movie is about a leader led the freedom struggle of his nation.

(use a relative pronoun)

28. This is the house I was born.

(use a relative pronoun)

29. She was happy her poverty.

(use a suitable phrase)

30. I (call) on you, had I known of your illness.

(use the given verb in suitable form)

31. A sentence in the pattern, SVIDO..... .

(Frame a sentence of the pattern, SVIDO)

32. One hundred neem trees are planted. This is an example of
passive voice.

(Identify the kind of passive voice)

33. I reached on time I missed my train.

(use a link word)

B. Transform the following sentences as instructed : 5 × 2 = 10

34. Report the dialogue :

Tourist : Hi, I'm Sydney Carton and I'm from Australia, I'd like to know something about Mahabalipuram from a tourists' point of view.

Guide : With pleasure, Mr. Sydney, the Pallava kings erected the Five Rathas and it is worth-seeing !

35. If an angel were to tell me such a thing of her I would not believe it.

(Begin the sentence with 'were')

36. As my friend was not there, I had to come back disappointed.

(Rewrite as a compound sentence)

37. It started drizzling. The cricket match did not stop.

(Combine the sentences using 'though')

38. The coffee is very hot. I cannot drink it.

(Combine the sentences into a simple sentence)

SECTION - C

(Reading Competencies)

(Marks : 15)

III. A. Identify each of the following sentences with the semantic field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue :

5 × 1 = 5

39. Spicy food can cause acidity in the stomach.

40. On our way to Ooty we stayed in a motel for a night.

41. The Agricultural College and Research Institute in Coimbatore, has studied the effect of planting system on yield, quality and economics of banana.

42. Life skills should be realised through curriculum objectives.

43. Halley's comet has an orbital period of about 76 years.

(Agriculture, Education, Nutrition and Dietetics, Space Science, Travel)

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- B. Read the following passage and answer in your own words the questions given below : 5 × 2 = 10

Most penguins build their nests on the ground. They carry pebbles and plants from the beach and use them to build their nests. Often they steal pebbles from each other if they get the chance. Penguins usually lay two eggs and both parents crouch over the eggs to keep them warm.

Emperor penguins lay their eggs in the middle of winter. This is so that the chicks will arrive early in the spring. An Emperor penguin lays only one egg. A father penguin takes this in front of his body and rests it on his feet. The chick sits against his warm body until it is old enough to stand the cold.

Even so, many chicks die of cold before the spring comes. Penguins are good parents; while one is looking after the chicks, the other brings food. It brings back fish and other small animals and when it has chewed them a little, the chick pushes its head into the parent's mouth to reach for the food, later when the chicks are older, all the parents come out to feed together.

All the chicks stay together in one place where they keep themselves warm and safe from other animals. Big birds will attack small penguins, but they do not often attack them if they are in groups. United, they are strong.

Questions :

44. Where do penguins build their nests ?
45. How do penguins perform their parental duty ?
46. What is the difference between Penguins and Emperor penguins in laying eggs ?
47. How are the penguin chicks fed ?
48. By whom are the small penguins attacked ?

SECTION - D**(Writing Competencies - Prose)**

(Marks : 15)

IV. A. Answer any *one* of the following questions in a paragraph of about 100 words : 1 × 5 = 5

49. Describe the capture of the Kala Nag.
 50. How are 'Ahimsa' and 'Satyagraha' related ?
 51. How does Mark Antony make the crowd believe that Caesar was not ambitious ?

B. Write an essay in about 250 words on any *one* of the following :

1 × 10 = 10

52. 'A walk to the Milam Glacier on the edge of Tibet'.
 53. Gandhi was no advocate of blind adherence to tradition. Explain.
 54. The aftermath of atomisation on Hiroshima.

SECTION - E**(Literary Competencies - Poetry)**

(Marks : 20)

V. A. Read the following *five* sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below each of them : 6 × 1 = 6

- i) "Still like muffled drums, are beating
 Funeral marches to the grave."

55. What are beating like 'muffled drums' ?

- ii) "You ripened into nectar in fruit jars
 That hung like clustered stars."

56. What does 'you' refer to here ?

57. Give the meaning of the word 'cluster'.

- iii) "And I have something to expiate;
 A pettiness."

58. What does the word 'pettiness' refer to here ?

iv) "The spoils of ages, global merchandise

Mingling in your strains !"

59. Explain 'global merchandise'.

v) "Ceaselessly musing, venturing throwing

Seeking the spheres to connect them."

60. Who is musing continuously ?

B. Read the following *three* sets of lines and answer the questions given below :

3 × 1 = 3

i) "Like a king in exile."

61. Mention the figure of speech used here.

ii) "It launch'd forth filament, filament,
filament, out of itself."

62. Write out the words in alliteration.

iii) "And I thought of the albatross,

And I wished he would come back, my snake."

63. What is the allusion here ?

C. Explain any *two* of the following sets of lines with reference to the context :

2 × 3 = 6

64. "Was out of work — had sold his traps —

No other reason why."

65. "And, departing, leave behind us

Footprints on the sands of time;"

66. "To live, unknown beyond the cherished circle

Which we can bless and aid;"

D. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100 words. 1 × 5 = 5

67. Describe the graceful retreat of the snake.

68. How does the poet compare the human soul to the spider ?

69. What is H.W. Longfellow's philosophy of work ?