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Language – Part II – English – Paper I

(Reader and Linguistic Competencies)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

- Instructions :** (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
(2) Use **Black** or **Blue** ink to write and to underline.

Note : In your answer book, use the Arabic numerals 1 to 69 of the questions you answer.

SECTION - A

(Vocabulary and Lexical Competencies)

(Marks : 30)

- I. (A) Choose the most appropriate of the four given contexts which equates with that of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences : 5x1=5

1. I honour Caesar for his Valour.
 - (a) I admire his patience in dealing with the problems.
 - (b) The judge did not condemn his interference.
 - (c) The soldier exhibited great courage in defending his country.
 - (d) Everyone applauded him for his performance.

2. striving to harness the ultimate secret.
 - (a) They revealed the truth.
 - (b) The flowers attracted the butterflies.
 - (c) The government is taking steps to control the floods.
 - (d) Caesar planned to conquer Egypt.

3. Rocket which struck unheralded by sound or sight
 - (a) A tidal wave hit the village unannounced.
 - (b) They distributed unadulterated food to the poor.
 - (c) The strange proposition was unheard of.
 - (d) The child was unprepared for the radio talk.

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4. We were not having any patronage from Gunga Ram.
- (a) Our teacher's advice was useful to us.
 - (b) The organisers thanked the audience for their active participation.
 - (c) His preparation for the function was extensive.
 - (d) My mother's encouragement brought success in my life.
5. He has done a recce in the previous evening.
- (a) Ramu made a secret plan to surprise his guests.
 - (b) The guide made a survey of the region.
 - (c) The machine is under repair.
 - (d) Sridhar kept a close watch over the activities of his assistant.

(B) Choose the most accurate one of the four given words opposite to the underlined word : 5x1=5

6. And none so poor to do him reverence.
- (a) arrogance
 - (b) hatred
 - (c) disobedience
 - (d) disrespect
7. He groaned in agony.
- (a) pain
 - (b) pleasure
 - (c) anger
 - (d) melancholy
8. Brahma is the creator.
- (a) maker
 - (b) destroyer
 - (c) supporter
 - (d) protector
9. They dip their napkins in the sacred blood.
- (a) pure
 - (b) unholy
 - (c) thick
 - (d) unkind
10. No dictionary of a living tongue ever can be perfect.
- (a) indecent
 - (b) unfinished
 - (c) imperfect
 - (d) irregular

(C) Answer any ten of the following :

10x2=20

11. Write a sentence using plural form of 'leaf' or 'index'.
12. Use the compound word 'good-for-nothing' in a sentence of your own.
13. Write a sentence using the expanded form of the Acronym 'CAD'.
14. Everybody appreciated our _____ for his noble _____.
(Fill in the blanks with principle / principal).
15. Form a word by blending the words 'helicopter' and 'airport' and use the blended word in a sentence of your own.
16. Syllabify any two words :
President, Particular, Contact, Expression.
17. Write sentences using the word 'hope' as a noun and 'hope' as a verb.
18. Write a sentence of your own using the American English word for 'post'.
19. Use the idiom 'to be at logger heads'.
20. Write a sentence using a word with the prefix 'im ___' or the suffix '___ ness'.
21. Form compound words :
 - (a) Noun + Noun
 - (b) Noun + Gerund
22. Write sentences using the phrasal verbs 'look after' and 'look into'.
23. Write sentences using the clipped word from 'helicopter' and 'hamburger'.

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SECTION - B
(Grammatical Competencies)
(Marks : 20)

II. (A) Fill in the blanks of the following sentences : 10x1=10

24. Eve-teasers _____ be severely punished.
(Use a modal verb)
25. The Children _____ (burst) into peals of laughter.
(Use the given verb in the suitable form)
26. My grandfather _____ play football in his college days.
(Use a quasi modal verb)
27. A wide variety of liquids _____ (use) in chemical plants.
(Use the given verb in the suitable form)
28. Is there anyone _____ can help me do this homework ?
(Use a relative pronoun)
29. This is the boy _____ won the race.
(Use a relative pronoun)
30. They continued the match _____ the rain.
(Use a suitable phrase / preposition)
31. Frame a sentence of the pattern SVOA.
32. One thousand Internet Connections will be given in Pollachi.
(Write the kind of passive voice)
33. _____ Sheela had only one sandwich she shared it with her friends.
(Use a suitable link word)

(B) Transform the following sentences as instructed : 5x2=10

34. Report the dialogue :

Teacher : Sam, why were you absent yesterday ?

Sam : I took my grandpa to the doctor.

Teacher : Is he alright now ?

Sam : Yes sir.

35. If he were a scientist he would do research.

(Begin the sentence with 'were')

36. The cat being away, the mice will play.

(Change into a complex sentence)

37. The dog which barks does not bite.

(Change into a simple sentence)

38. Rahul saw a tiger and ran away.

(Change into a complex sentence)

SECTION - C
(Reading Competencies)
(Marks : 15)

III. (A) Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below by understanding the word or words serving as the clue : 5x1=5

39. We can find many archaic words in the works of Shakespeare.

40. Hero Honda has recorded a sales volume of 4 lakh motor cycles.

41. The symbol used at the Olympic Games shows five interlocked rings.

42. Hybrid variety of Tomato gives a good harvest.

43. Thousands of people witnessed Makara Jothi in Sabarimala.

(Business, Sports, Literature, Religion, Agriculture)

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(B) Read the following passage and answer in your own words : 5x2=10

For ages, there has been one metal which has captivated the human mind and that is Gold. This is the same metal that made King Midas famous though not for his deeds but for his Golden touch. Gold is one metal that enjoys international patronage and has no barriers and boundaries. Gold is ductile and it can be designed in various shapes and patterns. It was used as a medium of exchange in the olden days. The people from Turkey were the first to make coins about 2,700 years ago from electrum, a mixture of gold and silver. Gold has international credibility and its value does not fluctuate like that of foreign currency. In the Indian tradition, it is a practice to give gold to the bride, when she is married off by her parents not only to adore her but also to help in turbulent times.

Questions :

44. Name the metal which has captivated the human mind.
45. Who were the first to use Gold ?
46. Whose name is mentioned here for his golden touch ?
47. What is the practice of Indian tradition ?
48. How far is Gold helpful to a bride ?

SECTION - D

(Writing Competencies - Prose)

(Marks : 15)

IV. (A) Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 100 words : 1x5=5

49. The funeral oration of Brutus.
50. Describe the final leg of Deshpande's pilgrimage to Suraj kund.
51. The aftermath of atomisation on Hiroshima.

(B) Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following : 1x10=10

52. Describe the circumstances that led to Gunga Ram's death.
53. How do you relate 'Ahimsa' and 'Sathyagraha' to women ?
54. Johnson's mixed feelings about his efforts and the making of his dictionary.

SECTION-E

(Literary Competencies - Poetry)

(Marks : 20)

V. (A) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below : 6x1=6

- (i) In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
55. What is the world compared to ?
- (ii) To live, unknown beyond the cherished circle.
which we can bless and aid.
56. What is meant by 'cherished circle' ?
- (iii) But ranged as infantry,
And staring face to face.
57. What is infantry ?
- (iv) And I thought of the albatross.
58. What is an albatross ?
- (v) You pose the cosmic riddle.
59. What is the cosmic riddle ?
- (vi) And flickered his tongue like a forked night on the air, so black,
Seeming to lick his lips,
60. What was the snake's tongue like ?

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(B) Read the following three sets of lines and answer the questions given below in each set of lines : 3x1=3

(i) Be not like dumb, driven cattle !

61. Mention the figure of speech used in the above line.

(ii) 'Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,'

62. Write out the words in alliteration.

(iii) In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was God.

63. What is the allusion used here ?

(C) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context : 2x3=6

64. Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
was not spoken of the soul!

65. I shot him dead because -
Because he was my foe.

66. We claim to dwell in quiet and seclusion
Beneath the household roof.

(D) Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph of about 100 words : 1x5=5

67. Explain the message conveyed through the poem "A Psalm of Life".

68. What was D.H. Lawrence's mean act in the poem 'Snake' and why did he regret it ?

69. Describe the tireless efforts of the spider and the human soul.