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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.

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

SECTION - A

(Vocabulary - 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
- Mahatma Gandhi was a ceaseless crusader of women's equality.
(a) He was determined to win.
(b) The untiring effort of Srinath has brought success to his team.
(c) She is conscious of her appearance.
(d) My dog was faithful till the end.
 - He fell on the floor and stared at the cobra petrified with fear.
(a) The boy trembled with fear on seeing a lion.
(b) The elephant suddenly charged at the Mahout who stood immobile with fear.
(c) I was surprised to meet my friend after five years.
(d) The judge did not condemn her.
 - The scientists were striving to harness the ultimate secret.
(a) The police tried to chase the thief.
(b) Don't reveal the secret to anyone.
(c) Learn to control your temper.
(d) Alexander the Great, tried to conquer many countries.

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4. I slew him.
- (a) They beat him mercilessly.
 - (b) The woman was assaulted by two unidentified men.
 - (c) The leader was killed by his opponent.
 - (d) The master thrashed the servant.
5. It may repress the triumph of malignant criticism.
- (a) You need to restrain your anger.
 - (b) They assured him their help.
 - (c) The player aims to win the medal.
 - (d) Renu preferred swimming to walking.

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

5x1=5

6. Kishore is a sturdy young man.
- (a) dynamic
 - (b) strong
 - (c) weak
 - (d) ambitious
7. The stoniest of hearts must have cursed the gift.
- (a) blessed
 - (b) refused
 - (c) blamed
 - (d) scolded
8. A few wild blunders and risible absurdities.
- (a) submerged
 - (b) serious
 - (c) comical
 - (d) pathetic
9. Frailty, thy name is woman.
- (a) pity
 - (b) knowledge
 - (c) loyalty
 - (d) strength
10. There are many who despise the snake.
- (a) hate
 - (b) detest
 - (c) admire
 - (d) abhor

(C) Answer any ten of the following :

10x2=20

11. Write a sentence using the plural form of 'alumnus' or 'criterion'.
we are the alumni of this institution, "what are the criteria?" she asked.
12. Use the idiom 'on cloud nine' in a sentence of your own.
She was on cloud nine on winning the prize.
13. Write a sentence using the expanded form of the acronym AIDS.
Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome is a mortal disease.
14. He is fully conscious about his conscience in doing things.
(conscience/conscious)

15. Form a word by blending the words : 'electro' and 'execute' and use the blended word in a sentence of your own.
He was electrocuted. electro + execute
⇒ electrocute
16. Syllabify any two words :
eradicate, dramatic, vanish, entertain.
e-ra-di-cate, dra-ma-tic, va-nish, en-ter-tain.
17. Write sentences using the word 'fine' as a noun and 'fine' as a verb.
18. Write a sentence of your own using , the American English word for 'autumn'.
This is the fall of the year
19. Use the compound word 'taxi - driver' in a sentence of your own.
My father is a taxi-driver
20. Write a sentence using a word with the prefix 'im' _____ or suffix _____ 'ment'. Nothing is impossible
21. Form compound words :
(a) Gerund + Noun ⇒ I studied in a Government school.
(b) Verb + Noun ⇒ walking stick, dining table, etc
~~watch man~~
22. Write sentences using the phrasal verbs 'call on' and 'call off'.
The P.M. called on the president, The match was called off
23. Write sentences using the clipped words from 'perambulator' and 'aeroplane'.
The baby in the Pram smiled at me. ~~due to rain.~~

SECTION - B

(Grammatical Competencies)

(Marks : 20)

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

10x1=10

24. We should help the needy.
[Use a modal verb]
25. All that glitters (glitter) is not gold.
[Use the given verb in a suitable form]
26. Students ought to submit the record books on time.
[Use a quasi-modal verb]
27. If they had tried, they would have won (win) the match.
[Use the given verb in a suitable form]

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28. He is the man whose bike is stolen.

[Use a relative pronoun]

29. Show me the pen that you bought yesterday.

[Use a relative pronoun]

30. He wrote the exam in spite of his illness.

[Use a suitable phrase/preposition]

31. Frame a sentence of the pattern S-V-I-O-D-O.

He gave me a pen.

32. The trees were cut down last month. This is an example of Impersonal passive voice.

33. He is intelligent but lazy.

[Use a suitable link word]

(B) Transform the following sentences as instructed :

5x2=10

34. Report the dialogue :

Teacher : Mala, why were you absent yesterday ?

Mala : I went to temple, sir.

Teacher : Okay. Complete the assignments I have given.

The teacher asked mala why she had been absent the previous day. mala replied that she had gone to temple. The teacher accepted it and ordered her to complete the assignments she had given.

35. If it were not for the expenses involved, I would go by air her to complete the assignments she had given.

[Begin the sentence with 'were']

Were it not for the expenses involved, I would have gone by air.

36. It is really surprising that he has not been arrested by the police.

[Change into a compound sentence]

He has not been arrested by the police and it is really surprising.

37. Rahul lost the match. He decided to resign as captain.

[Combine the sentences into a simple sentence]

Having lost the match, Rahul decided to resign as captain.

38. Sujatha is wealthy but she is not generous.

[Rewrite as a complex sentence]

Though Sujatha is wealthy she is not generous.

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. Shakespeare's plays are read by many people. - *Literature.*
40. The yield of wheat has increased. - *Agriculture*
41. Fast food is a growing health hazard. - *Nutrition and Dietetics.*
42. My brother is planning to go to the U.S. - *Travel.*
43. Raina was declared the Man of the Match. - *Sports.*
[Nutrition and Dietetics, Travel, Sports, Literature, Agriculture]

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

14 [Things become better when you expect the best instead of the worst. The reason is that, being freed from self-doubt, you can put your whole self into your endeavour.] Nothing can stand in the way of the man who focusses his entire self on a problem.

18 [Expecting the best means, that you put your whole heart into what you want to accomplish.] People are defeated in life not because of lack of ability, but for lack of whole heartedness. A major key to succeed in life is, to attain that which you deeply desire, is to throw all that ~~there~~ is of yourself into your studies, or any project in which you are engaged.] Most people, unfortunately, don't do that and this is the tragic cause of failure.

Questions :

44. How can you make things better ?
45. What do you mean by expecting the best ?
46. Why do people get defeated in life ?
47. What is the key to success ?
48. Mention the cause of failure.

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SECTION - D

(Writing Competencies - Prose)

(Marks : 15)

- IV. (A) Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph of about 100 words : 1x5=5
49. How did Gandhiji relate women to 'Satyagraha' ?
50. What prompted Johnson to write a dictionary of the English language ?
51. The immediate impact of the atomisation on Hiroshima.
- (B) Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following : 1x10=10
52. How did Mark Antony turn the crowd against the conspirators ?
53. Describe how Gungaram's superstitious practices lead to his death.
54. Give an account of the trekking experience of the author.

SECTION - E

(Literary Competencies - Poetry)

(Marks : 20)

- V. (A) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below for each of them : 6x1=6
55. Speech that came like leech - craft
And killed us almost, bleeding us white !
What is leech - craft ?
English Speech
56. Till the gossamer thread you fling catch
Somewhere, O my soul.
What is meant by gossamer thread ?
Gossamer thread means filmy material emitted by the spiders.
57. But ranged as infantry,
And staring face to face
Who were the two staring face to face ?
Soldiers of opposite nations (or) Enemy Countries.
58. In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life;
What is meant by 'bivouac' ?
Temporary Camp

59. We claim to dwell, in quiet and seclusion,
Beneath the household roof.
Where do women claim to dwell?
wisely
Women claim to dwell *in the house away from other people.*
60. And I, like a second comer, waiting.
Who is the second - comer?
The poet is the second comer

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

61. Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
was not spoken of the soul.
What is the allusion referred to here?
Biblical allusion is referred to here.
62. You'd treat if met where any bar is
or help to half - a - crown.
Write the words in alliteration in the above line.
help, half. /h/ sound is repeated.
63. As humble plants by country hedgerows growing
What is the figure of speech employed in the given line?
simile.

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

64. Yes; quaint and curious war is.
65. So let us, unobtrusive and unnoticed,
But happy none the less.
66. In the end will be the WORD
And the word will be God in Man.

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

67. The graceful retreat of the snake.
68. Bring out the message of the poem,
"A psalm of life"
69. Walt Whitman's comparison of the spider to the human soul.