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ENGLISH GRAMMAR, USAGE AND WRITING

(2019 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions. Each in a word or sentence.

1. Add the correct question tag:

Kashi is a well behaved boy.

2. Choose the correct form of the verb:

"It does not do to _____ (dwelt) on dreams Harry, and forget to live in the present"

3. State whether the underlined is the subject or predicate of the sentence:

The defensive tackle of the mid fielder missed the opponent as he ran by him.

4. Rewrite the sentence using : Otherwise

If lectures are boring, students will not want to attend.

5. Change into a declaratory sentence:

The mother told the children, 'Take milk twice a day to improve your health.'
(Use advise)

6. Correct the sentence by adding a missing article.

As Harry squelched along deserted corridor he came across somebody who looked just as preoccupied as he was.

7. Change the voice :

The company requires staff to watch a safety video every year.

8. Correct the sentences.

The train left before he arrived.

9. Reorder the sentence to form a meaningful one.

Before/long/choose/them /our/and/we/we/joys/sorrows/experience.

10. Fill in the blanks using a suitable verb:

The police _____ (smell) a rat in the witness accounts.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight** questions, each in short paragraph exceeding **50** words.

11. Convert the sentences into its plural form:

(a) The baby cries; but its mother is missing.

(b) I look up, and a leaf falls from a branch and lands on my forehead.

12. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences:

(a) minutes/sofa/past/hiding/I/the/for/the/ten/have/under/been/

(b) here/many/I/room/legs/in/the/from/down/upside/see/can/

13. Rewrite the sentences, beginning each new sentence as instructed taking care not to change the meaning.
- (a) Unless the rain stops, the game will not resume.
(Begin: If..)
 - (b) A lot of people are capable of leading a team.
(Rewrite using "capability")
14. Provide appropriate question tags
- (a) She couldn't let such a good job offer go.
 - (b) He'd better hurry up.
15. Convert into simple sentences
- (a) We believe that he is innocent.
 - (b) I have no money that I can lend you.
16. Change the following negative sentences into affirmative sentences without changing their meaning
- (a) You are not steady.
 - (b) I am not impressed with your project proposal.
17. Read the answers and frame appropriate questions:
- (a) I came home early to watch the match.
 - (b) Gauri decorated the hall.
18. Identify the adverbs in the given sentences:
- (a) She was so frightened, she could hardly speak.
 - (b) I was late for a very important appointment.

19. Fill the blanks with suitable adjectives/adverbs.

- (a) I like reading _____ fiction.
- (b) They _____ worked for their award.

20. Change into comparative degree.

- (a) John is as tall as Mike.
- (b) Hercules was the strongest man in the world.

21. Punctuate the sentences:

- (a) On its twenty fifth anniversary the movie club of our city screened many movies Casablanca Life is Beautiful Schindler's List.
- (b) The teacher asked so tell me who has read the novel Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier.

22. Convert to indirect speech:

- (a) "I am not buying anything today" Bhuvi told the salesperson.
- (b) "The train is late by an hour" informed Ritam.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** of the following as directed.

23. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition

- (a) After payment, you'll receive the product _____ 10 business days.
- (b) I have no experience, so I'm _____ a disadvantage when it comes to this job interview.
- (c) My grandparents lived in that same house _____ ages.

- (d) He's Tamilian? For some reason I was _____ the impression that he was a Kannadiga.
- (e) Where's Mashumita? She should have gotten here _____ now.
- (f) We've put a lot of effort _____ this project.
- (g) We drove _____ the coastline of India.
- (h) The scientist made an amazing discovery _____ accident.

24. Insert the correct determiners wherever appropriate.

- (a) Rescue efforts resumed in Beichuan, after entire city was evacuated
- (b) He is an expert on languages, but he knows about mathematics.
- (c) I usually get to work on foot and then come home on bus
- (d) Hari had so going around him that he looked confused and distracted.

25. Fill in the blanks with the suitable modals.

- (a) It's very cloudy today. Do you think it _____ rain later?
- (b) They _____ to have filled the car with petrol before they set off.
- (c) This is impossible, it _____ be a mistake!
- (d) Why are you wasting time? You _____ have finished your work already.

26. Rewrite the jumbled words into meaningful sentences.

- (a) that/ believe/ to/ seem/ people/ many old/ good/ disrupted/ has/ computers/ of/ advert/ the/ habits/ reading/ fashioned.
- (b) statement/ true/ completely/ not/ is/ it/ above/ the/ to/ truth/ same/ be/ may/ there/ while.

(c) actually/ computers/ have/ of/ advert/ the/ people/ to/ accessible/ more/ books/ made.

(d) button/ a/ of/ click/ at/ the/ available/ to/ people/ before/ information/ books/ about /for/ libraries/ visit/ to/ needed/ people/ while.

27. Rewrite the following passage underlining the determinatives, quantifiers and possessives in it:

It was at least two weeks ago that Abhishek and Aditya witnessed the robbery. Most people were at the temple festival. Their houses were thus empty. Several cars were parked nearby. The road was dark, only few lights shone. Abhishek and Aditya were waiting for an auto to take both of them back home. A bike stopped some distance away from them.

28. Fill in the blanks using articles: Write (X) in case of no article:

(a) Young unpublished author couldn't really hope for anything much after being turned down twelve times.

(b) But Sorcerer's Stone hit shelves on July 26, 1997, to immediate success.

(c) Overnight, Rowling was catapulted from her small apartment in Edinburgh to worldwide recognition.

(d) With the success, came fame, which exposed Rowling to new chaos that she hadn't been prepared for.

29. Rewrite the passage correcting all the errors.

The city of Teotihuacán, which laid about 50 kilometres northeast of modern-day Mexico City, begun its growth by 200 – 100 B.C. At its height, between about A.D. 150 and 700, it probably has a population of more than 125,000 peoples and covered at least 20 square kilometres. It has over 2,000 apartment complexes, a great market, the large number of industrial workshops, an administrative centre, a number of massive religious edifices, and a regular grid pattern of streets and buildings. Clearly, many planning and central control were involved in the expansion and ordering of this great metropolis. Moreover, the city has economic and perhaps religious contacts with most parts of Mesoamerica.

30. Prepare a questionnaire to assess how students view their college life.
31. Write a dialogue between a professor and a student on how to improve his/her grades in the coming examination.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** of the following.

32. Expand the proverb "Every cloud has a silver lining" in about two to three pages.
33. Write a short essay on "Social Consciousness in an Increasingly Selfish Universe".
34. Write a report on the recently concluded Literary Fest in your college.
35. Based on the outline given below, construct a story:

Travelling by train — crowded — mother and two children — child crying — no place to sit — you ask passengers to give up seat — refuse — find the ticket examiner — people without tickets hurriedly get out — women and children get seat — thank you — you feel proud.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
