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First Semester

Common Course—English

FINE-TUNE YOUR ENGLISH

(Common for all U.G. Programmes under CBCS)

[2017 Admission]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

Answer any **ten** questions.
Each question carries 2 marks.

1. Jimmy ——— his brother is studying medicine. (Supply a cumulative conjunction.)
2. Rajesh ——— excused in spite of his grave fault. (Supply an appropriate form of 'be'.)
3. The lights ——— all of a sudden while we were eating. (Supply a phrasal verb.)
4. The Prime Minister lives ——— 7, Lok Kalyan Marg. (Supply a suitable prepositions.)
5. He was interested in politics. (Change into a negative sentence by contracting the negative form.)
6. One of the players ——— injured during the match (was/were). (Choose either of the two.)
7. That he will be appointed to the job is certain. (Identify the noun clause.)
8. In the sentence "The train had left before we reached the station", the adverbial clause indicates ——— (time/place).
9. The soldiers fought with great courage. (Identify the adverb phrase.)
10. Attach a reversative prefix each to the words 'comfort' and 'valuation'.
11. ——— called when you were away ; he didn't tell me his name. (Supply an appropriate indefinite pronoun.)
12. The police found the main road ——— (desert). (Supply a suitable participle form of the verb provided.)

(10 × 2 = 20)

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Part B

Answer any **six** questions.
Each question carries 5 marks.

13. Fill in with the appropriate idioms from the brackets :

(a wild goose chase, in a nut shell, bad blood, a cock and bull story, turn a deaf ear, a storm in a tea cup, a cry in the wilderness).

- (a) Rohini tried to convince her teacher by telling her _____.
- (b) The noble leader's protest against injustice proved to be _____.
- (c) Anu's determination to pass the IAS exam was looked upon by her friends as _____.
- (d) The opposition created _____ and staged a walk out from parliament.
- (e) The principal _____ to my request.

14. Do as directed :

- (a) Seeing the policeman, the thief ran away. (Change into complex sentence.)
- (b) He is a man who has great ability. (Change into simple sentence.)
- (c) They dismissed the servant. He was caught stealing money. (Combine the pairs of sentences using the appropriate relative word.)
- (d) They made her apologize. (Change into passive.)
- (e) Good news is expected. (Change the voice.)

15. Correct the following sentences :

- (a) Mangoes you gave me were very good.
- (b) He is studying English for three years.
- (c) This is the gentleman whose all sons are in the army.
- (d) They sat under the shade of the tree.
- (e) Have you every gone to New Delhi ?

16. Explain any *five* of the following idioms using an illustration each :

- (a) Shed crocodile tears.
- (b) A bee in his bonnet.
- (c) Flogging a dead horse.
- (d) A bull in a China shop.
- (e) Make a beeline.
- (f) To keep the wolf from the door.

17. Frame questions for the following sentences :—
- All the rooms are vacant.
 - They haven't gone to the cricket match.
 - She works in the corporation office.
 - The owner will get the house painted.
 - The train arrived on time.
18. Supply a question tag to each of the statements given below :
- He did not come, _____ ?
 - Don't forget it, _____ ?
 - No one was able to get a prize, _____ ?
 - You'll get back soon, _____ ?
 - I guess we should plan on it, _____ ?
19. Choose the correct one from the brackets :
- The man said _____ nothing. (almost/nearly)
 - The phone has gone _____. (dead/deadly)
 - Suma is my _____ by two years (elder, older)
 - The news is only _____ true. (very, too)
 - It was very _____ when he got back. (late/lately)
20. Prepare a telephonic conversation between two friends who are about to appear for the final examinations regarding the preparations they have made.
21. Prepare a brief note on telephone etiquette with special reference to the use of language.

(6 × 5 = 30)

Part C

Answer any **two** of the following.
Each question carries 15 marks.

22. Prepare a talk to be delivered on 'hazards of plastic waste' as part of Environment awareness programme.

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23. Prepare a Resume and Job Application letter to apply for the post of Executive Assistant, Transshipment Job in DRS India Pvt. Ltd. Your job needs skills related to IT and Logistics.
24. Attempt an essay on the "Impact of Social Media among youth".
25. Attempt a review of a book you have read recently.

(2 × 15 = 30)