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BOARD DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, (C-20)

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER—2023

FIRST YEAR (COMMON) EXAMINATION

ENGLISH—I

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 80

PART—A

3×10=30

Instructions : (1) Answer **all** questions.

(2) Each question carries **three** marks.

(3) Answers should be brief and straight to the point and shall not exceed five simple sentences.

1. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles :

I saw _____ one-eyed man in _____ hospital.

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions :

I work _____ an IT firm and my brother is looking _____ the business.

(c) (i) Add a 'Prefix' to the word 'Possible'.

(ii) Write a 'Suffix' for the word 'Colour'.

2. (a) Identify the Synonym for the word 'Eminent' from the words given in the brackets : (Beautiful, Great, Brave)

(b) Choose the Antonym of the word 'Adversity' from the words given in brackets : (Prosperity, Misfortune, Goodwill)

(c) Match the words in **Column—A** with their meanings in **Column—B** :

Column—A

- (1) Pivotal
- (2) Preserve

Column—B

- (a) Difficult
- (b) Conserve
- (c) Crucial
- (d) Success

3. (a) The Nile is the longest river.

(Change it into 'Comparative Degree')

(b) Fill in the blank with proper form of adjective given in the bracket :
Einstein is one of the ____ (great) scientists in the world.

(c) Gold is more precious than any other metal.

(Change it into 'Superlative Degree')

4. (a) Two hundred kilometers ____ a long distance.

(Write the correct 'Auxiliary Verb')

(b) Each of / these women / are responsible. / No error.

(Identify the error part, correct it, and rewrite the sentence)

(c) Frame a sentence using a modal verb 'Have to'.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable 'Verb' forms :

(a) Krishna ____ (play) the flute.

(b) Students ____ (submit) their project before they attended the viva.

(c) He ____ (meet) you tomorrow.

6. Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets :

(a) She delivered a letter.

(Change it into 'Passive' voice)

(b) A movie is being watched by her.

(Change it into 'Active' voice)

(c) Sumana has never visited the park.

(Change it into 'Passive' voice)

7. Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets :

(a) That is a fantastic movie.

(Change it into 'Exclamatory' sentence)

(b) They are playing football.

(Change it into 'Yes / No' question)

(c) Your friend came late.

(Frame a question using 'Why')

8. Change the Speech of the following sentences :

(a) He said, "I am going to Chennai."

(Change this into 'Indirect Speech')

(b) Ravi said, "I have a problem."

(Change this into 'Indirect Speech')

(c) They said that they were going to their native place.

(Change this into 'Direct Speech')

9. Rewrite as directed :

(a) He is not only handsome but also intelligent.

(Change it into 'Simple' sentence)

(b) In spite of hard work, he could not succeed.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'but')

(c) The Indian cricketers practiced very hard. They got tired completely.

(Combine the sentences using 'because')

10. Rewrite the following sentences after making necessary corrections :

(a) My sister is fond at tea.

(b) She is taking milk daily.

(c) Ramu as well as Raghu are clever students.

PART—B

8×5=40

- Instructions :** (1) Answer **all** questions.
(2) Each question carries **eight** marks.
(3) Answers should be comprehensive and criterion for valuation is the content but not the length of the answer.

- 11.** (a) Write a paragraph about the challenges you faced while improving your English communication skills and how you overcame them.

(OR)

- (b) Write a paragraph on your mother's daily routines.

- 12.** (a) Construct a dialogue between you and your friend about the advantages and disadvantages of online classes.

(OR)

- (b) You want to open a bank account. Write a dialogue between you and the bank employee about the required documents, procedure, amount and other requirements.

- 13.** (a) Write a letter to your father requesting him to send Rs.1,000 as you have to pay the examination fee before the due date.

(OR)

- (b) Draft a letter to the Municipal Commissioner complaining about garbage, debris, increasing mosquitoes in your area and request him to take necessary action.

- 14.** (a) Write an essay on the significance of protecting the environment for better future.

(OR)

- (b) Write an essay on the impact of social media on the youth in about 150 words.

- 15.** (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Knowledge has many forms and it is available at many places. It is acquired through education, information, intelligence and experience. It is available in academic institutions, with teachers, in libraries, in research papers, seminar proceedings and in various organizations and workplaces with workers, managers, in drawings, in process sheets and on the shop floors. Knowledge, though closely linked to education, comes equally from learning skills such as those possessed by our artists, craftsmen, hakims, vaidyas, philosophers and saints, as also our housewives. Knowledge plays a very important role in their performance and output too. Our heritage and history, the rituals, epics and traditions that form part of our consciousness are also vast resources of knowledge as are our libraries and universities. There is an abundance of unorthodox, earthy wisdom in our villages. There are hidden treasures of knowledge in our environment, in the oceans, bio-reserves and deserts, in the plant and animal life. Every State in our country has a unique core competence for a knowledge society.

- (i) What is the subject of the poem?
- (ii) According to the author, how can knowledge be acquired?
- (iii) Write at least two or three places where knowledge is available.
- (iv) Where are the hidden treasures of knowledge?
- (v) What plays an important role in the performance?
- (vi) What are the skills that the author mentions in the passage?
- (vii) Where is the abundance of wisdom?
- (viii) Write the meaning of the word 'unique'?

(OR)

(b) Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay :
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee :
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company :
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought :

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

- (i) What did the poet see?
- (ii) How does the author describe flowers?
- (iii) What is the feeling of the poet when the image of flowers flash upon his inward eye?
- (iv) Write the meaning of the word 'bliss'?

PART—C

10×1=10

- Instructions :** (1) Answer the following question.
(2) The question carries **ten** marks.
(3) Answer should be comprehensive and the criterion for valuation is the content but not the length of the answer.

- 16.** Write a report on the Tech-Fest organized in your college specifying the objective of the event, its relevance to the current society and the innovative ideas presented by the participants.

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