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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 accurate of the four given contexts which equates with that of the italicized lexical item in each of the following sentences : 5x1=5
- He hath brought many *captives* home to Rome.
    - Her graceful manners captivated me.
    - The Ambassador negotiated for the release of the prisoners of war.
    - We are producing enough food.
    - The Germans seized the city easily.
  - If the men and women of India *cultivate* in themselves the courage to face death bravely and non - violently.
    - We should develop our ideas before we discuss them.
    - The scientists cultured the bacteria for their experiments.
    - In the cold weather it was difficult for the eggs to fertilize.
    - The gardener tilled the land to grow flowering plants.
  - We hop over stones on landslides and *delicately* tread on the glacier rubble.
    - He prepared tasty food.
    - Netaji's death remains a mystery still now.
    - The doctors performed the heart operation carefully.
    - The children were delighted to visit the zoo.

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4. When I am *animated* by this wish I look with pleasure on my book.  
(a) He was inspired by his friends to act better.  
(b) He is free and generous with his colleagues.  
(c) I am acting as a wild animal in the play.  
(d) The movie is very popular.
5. They were *industrious* enough to slave in the paddy fields.  
(a) Sincere employees are liked by the employers.  
(b) Water level in the dam is rising steadily.  
(c) There is no substitute for hardwork.  
(d) The tree has grown strong in the past ten years.

(B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the italicized word in each of the following sentences : 5x1=5

6. He took on the role of a *domineering* husband.  
(a) subjective (b) objective  
(c) powerful (d) submissive
7. The rabbit was *eventually* caught.  
(a) incidentally (b) initially  
(c) uneventful (d) spectacularly
8. The servant could not be *trusted*.  
(a) believed (b) satisfied  
(c) doubted (d) provoked
9. \_\_\_\_\_ analogy, which though in some other words *obscure*, was evident in others.  
(a) Present (b) Existing  
(c) Alive (d) Clear
10. 'To hell with it' - a facile, *trivial* phrase.  
(a) unimportant (b) successive  
(c) significant (d) long

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(C) Answer any ten of the following :

10x2=20

11. Write a sentence using the plural form of 'datum' or 'formula'.
12. Use the idiom 'honour bound' in a sentence of your own.
13. Write a sentence using the expanded form of the acronym 'TOEFL'.
14. Many police \_\_\_\_\_ do not have time to take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ problems.  
(Fill in the blanks with personal/personnel)
15. Form a word by blending the words 'technology' and 'wizard' and use the blended word in a sentence of your own.
16. Syllabify *any two* words :  
'argumentative', 'astrology', 'accident' and 'institution'.
17. Write sentences using the word 'well' as a noun and 'well' as a verb.
18. Write a sentence using the American English word for 'mobilephone'.
19. Use the compound word 'good-for-nothing' in a sentence of your own.
20. Write a sentence using a word with the prefix 'post-' or the suffix '-ful'.
21. Form compound words :
  - (a) Noun + Gerund
  - (b) Noun + Adjective
22. Write sentences using the phrasal verbs 'look after' and 'look into'.
23. Write sentences using the clipped words from 'hamburger' and 'taxicab'.

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

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

**10x1=10**

24. All citizens \_\_\_\_\_ obey the laws of the land.  
(use a suitable modal verb)
25. The scientists \_\_\_\_\_ (achieve) the chain reaction.  
(use the given verb in the suitable form)
26. If I had been there, I \_\_\_\_\_ (prevent) it.  
(use the correct tense form of the word given in brackets)
27. My friend, \_\_\_\_\_ father works in Agra, has made a clay model of the Taj Mahal.  
(use a relative pronoun)
28. Shakespeare, \_\_\_\_\_ lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, is considered to be the greatest dramatist.  
(use a relative pronoun)
29. I've gone \_\_\_\_\_ all the shelves in the library but I can't find a Thesaurus.  
(use a suitable phrase/preposition)
30. My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ tell me bed-time stories when I was young.  
(use a semi-modal)
31. Frame a sentence of the pattern SVIODOA.
32. Metals have been replaced by plastics.  
(This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ passive voice).
33. \_\_\_\_\_ Priya has recovered after the accident, her fractured arm is still in a cast.  
(use a link word)

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(B) Transform the following sentences as instructed :

5x2=10

34. Report the dialogue :

Old student : Good morning, Sir, I am Chathrapathi, an old student of this school, I want my Transfer Certificate, Sir.

H.M. : Give me your application. Today is Monday. Please come on Wednesday and get your T.C.

35. If you should be late once again, you will lose your job.  
(Begin the sentence with 'should')

36. Unless you work hard, you will not clear the semester.  
(Rewrite as a compound sentence)

37. My uncle was not willing to help me. I had to apply for a loan from the bank.  
(Combine the sentences into a complex sentence)

38. Ananthi types quickly. Ananthi types correctly.  
(Combine the sentences into a simple 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. Last year the harvest was very rich.

40. Cloning has proved that it is possible to replicate human beings.

41. Boopathi was invited to present a classical concert.

42. Many records were broken at the Olympics.

43. The fluctuation in the stock market affects our economy.

(Science, Business, Music, Agriculture, Sports)

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

Charles Dickens is one of the most famous of all English writers. He was born on 7 February 1812, in a shabby little house in Portsea, on the South Coast of England. His father was an underpaid civilian clerk to the Navy, and the family was always poor, always in debt. Charles was taken out of school when he was 11, since there was no money to pay the fees. When his father went to prison for not repaying debts, the 12 year old boy had to work in a factory. Working 12 hours a day, Charles Dickens earned a pound a week. The miseries and hardships of his childhood are described in his novel 'David Copperfield', whose early chapters are largely his own story.

**Questions :**

44. When was Charles Dickens born ?
45. Why did he discontinue his studies ?
46. Which novel is a reflection of Dickens' childhood ?
47. How old was Dickens when he went to work in a factory ?
48. How much did he earn a week ?

**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. Why does Ahtushi Deshpande say that 'patience is an art well learnt when one is at the mercy of Nature' ?
50. How did Brutus exhibit his eloquence ?
51. The aftermath of atomisation on Hiroshima.

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

52. Gandhiji's views on women.
53. The making of Johnson's Dictionary of the English Language.
54. Superstition caused the death of Gunga Ram.

**SECTION - E**  
**(Literary Competencies - Poetry)**  
**(Marks : 20)**

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

(i) "To live, unknown beyond the Cherished Circle".

55. What is meant by "Cherished Circle" ?

(ii) "In the world's broad field of battle,  
In the bivouac of Life",

56. What is the world compared to ?

57. What is meant by 'bivouac of Life' ?

(iii) "Mark'd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding,  
It launch'd forth filament," .....

58. Who launched the filament ?

(iv) "O winging words! Like homing bees you borrow".

59. Who is addressed here as 'winging words' ?

(v) "On the day of Sicilian July, with Etna Smoking".

60. What is 'Etna' ?

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

(i) "Like a king in exile, uncrowned in the underworld"

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

(ii) "Sweetened within our souls for aeons bright."

62. Write the words in alliteration.

(iii) "Dust thou art to dust returnest"

63. What is the allusion here ?

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

64. "I shot him dead because -  
Because he was my foe",

65. "Learn to labor and to wait"

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

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

67. How does the poet define 'women's rights' ?

68. State how the poet depicts the importance of English.

69. What was D.H. Lawrence's mean act and how did he regret it ?

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