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MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE
(2013 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, **each** in **a** word or **a** sentence, following the directions given in brackets.

1) The principal promised him a prize. (Identify the predicate)
2) He does not come here every day. (Change in to affirmative)
3) He came early. (Add question tag)
4) There is nothing _____ to be said. (further/farther)
5) The picture was hanged on the wall. (Correct the mistake)
6) The train left before I reached the station. (Rewrite correctly)
7) Reading novels is a pleasure. (Begin the sentence with 'it')
8) He agreed to give me help. (Rewrite using 'help' as verb)
9) I met him on last Friday. (Rewrite correctly)
10) A pair of shoes are expensive now a days. (Use the correct form of the verb)

(10×1=10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph **not** exceeding **50** words.

11) Rewrite as directed.
   a) She is very tired.
      She cannot walk. (Change into simple sentence)
   b) He is poor.
      But he is honest. (Change into complex sentence)
12) Rewrite as directed.
   a) Finish your work, I shall wait. (Change into complex sentence)
   b) He was lazy. He failed. (Change into compound the sentence)
13) Give the basic pattern of the following sentence.
   a) She comes late.
   b) Mangoes are sweet.

14) Correct the following sentences.
   a) You ever saw a live panther ?
   b) We just finished our home work

15) Change the voice.
   a) Did the noise frighten you ?
   b) My boss turned my suggestion down.

16) Rewrite using the proper verb from the brackets.
   a) Fifty kilograms _____ not a small weight. (is/are)
   b) One of my friends _____ a motor cycle. (has/have)

17) Frame a question so as to get the underlined word as answer.
   a) The train is <u>two</u> hours late.
   b) The jar is made of <u>clay.</u>

18) Change into the comparative.
   a) Nothing else travels as fast as light.
   b) Jim is not so generous as John.

19) Add suitable question tag.
   a) You know Mary, _____ ?
   b) Every one was present, _____ ?

20) Rearrange the jumbled words in to a meaningful sentence.
   a) sights/not/such/very/are/common
   b) efforts/crowned/his/were/with/success

21) Insert the given words in the proper places.
   a) I reach office early. (usually)
   b) The house is big for all of us. (enough)

22) Rewrite the following sentences replacing the underlined words with an adverb.
   a) He hasn't arrived <u>so far</u>
   b) She spoke <u>in an arrogant manner</u>

(8×2=16 Marks)

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

23) Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verbs.
When I (finish) my lunch I asked the waiter,
"Do you know the girl who (sit) over there ?"
"No sir, I do not know her to speak of. I notice she has lunch here on Saturdays"
"(Do) she come any other day ?"
"I never (see) her on other days"

24) Use the correct tens of the verbs given in brackets.

What (go) on in your house when I (call) on you last night ? I (ring) the bell three times but you (not answer) the door.

25) Rewrite the following sentences inserting appropriate prepositions.

1) They will be busy _____ the next three days.
2) Your membership will expire _____ 30 April.
3) Your application should reach the Secretary _____ 30 June.
4) My mother works _____ the Health Department.
5) She left _____ Mumbai yesterday.
6) We don't go to school _____ Sundays.
7) The house was reduced _____ ashes.
8) She is _____ the Committee for Women's Welfare.

26) Rewrite the following in indirect speech.

A : May I come in, sir ?
B : Come in please. How can I Help you ?
A : My son has passed the SSLC exam. I would like to know when the certificates are issued
B : On Monday. The student himself should come and collect the certificate.

27) Correct the following sentences.

1) She tried hardly for a first class.
2) I am having an uncle in Madras.
3) I dislike to eat meat.
4) Mary only eats fish on Fridays.

28) Complete the following sentences using suitable modal.

1) "_____you come at once, please ?" requested the nurse.
2) "It _____rain to night; look at the dark clouds." said Sreelakshmi.
3) You _____ not advice me what to do.
4) They _____ pay penalty for late payment.

29) Rewrite as directed.

1) They started before sunrise (Change into complex sentence)
2) On seeing the dog, the children began to cry (Change into complex sentence)
3) In spite of illness, he look cheerful (Change into compound sentence)
4) He is a businessman who is reliable (Change into simple sentence)

30) Fill up using articles.

There was _____ugly scar on _____face of _____man who slept on _____ floor.

31) Rewrite the following passage providing correct punctuation.

ashoka the greatest king of india in ancient times converted to buddhism after the kalinga war. **(4×6=24 Marks)**

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

32) "Self-help is the best help".

33) Write a short essay "Kerala – The God's Own Country".

34) Write a précis of the following passage.

There are hundreds of superstitions which survive in various parts of the country, and the study of them is rather amusing. We are told for example that it is unlucky to point to the new moon or to look at it through glass but if we bow nine times to it, we shall have a lucky month. Nearly all superstitions are concerned with "luck". Good luck is associated with black cats, horse shoes, the finding of a pin etc. Ill luck is associated with the howling of dogs, spilling of salt, crossing of knives, walking under a ladder and scores of other things.

Now suppose you tell a scientist that you believe in a certain superstition — Let us say, howling of a dog is a sign of death. The scientist will immediately require evidence before he can accept your belief. He will want figures to prove it. It will be useless quote two or three cases; he will want hundreds. He will want to know (i) if it ever happens that the howling of a dog is not followed by death; (ii) if ever a person's death is predicted by the howling of dogs. The answer to the former question is in the affirmative and the latter in the negative. Your superstition will not bear investigation. It may impress an ignorant person; but it cannot face the light of facts. Your case could not carry conviction in a court of law. Apart from this process of testing by results, any intelligent man will want to know "the reason why". Is there a cause-effect relation between the howling of a dog and a person's death ?

35) Arrange the given sentences in the proper order.

(Hint: Sentence 1 and sentence 10 are in the correct order. The rest of the sentences have to be rearranged as so as to give logical sense to the whole passage)

Once upon a time it was difficult to decide whether the royal swan or peacock was the king of the universe. Nor are there any royal swans that swim in the shimmering waters of Mansarovar. And the princesses used to scatter pearls across palace courtyards to tempt their swan lovers. Now, no one knows where Mansarovar is. In those days royal swans used to swim in the lakes that were translucent as white pearls. In our time there are no swan lovers who can be seduced by pearls. They exist only in the world of fables and myths. The lakes are dry, the rivers polluted and the air thick with the dust and smoke of bombs. The royal swans have flown away in search of clear air and pure water. Only the poor ducksand geese have been left behind to bear the burden of our times. **(2×15 = 30 Marks)**