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Language – Part II – ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3.00 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 **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline.

PART - I

- Note :**
- (i) Answer all the questions. 14x1=14
 - (ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words.

1. Navika Sagar Parikrama was a project undertaken in *consonance* with the National Policy.
 - (a) connection
 - (b) agreement
 - (c) comparison
 - (d) arrangement
2. The little seagull even *gnawed* at the dried pieces of eggshell.
 - (a) chewed
 - (b) cackled
 - (c) swallowed
 - (d) craved
3. His idea of going away, made me forget all about his ruler and how *cranky* he was.
 - (a) tyrannical
 - (b) strange
 - (c) powerful
 - (d) learned

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words.

4. Technology is also a *boon* to citizens with special needs.
 - (a) bonus
 - (b) bane
 - (c) blast
 - (d) block
5. They were the steps of a man walking *rapidly* around the dining-table.
 - (a) timidly
 - (b) silently
 - (c) slowly
 - (d) decently
6. What was the *selection* process ?
 - (a) rejection
 - (b) extension
 - (c) termination
 - (d) collection
7. Choose the correct plural form of *loaf* from the following :
 - (a) loafes
 - (b) loafs
 - (c) loafies
 - (d) loaves

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8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'appear'.
- (a) - able (b) - ence (c) - ible (d) - ance
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation IIT.
- (a) Indian Institute of Telecommunication
(b) Indian Institute of Theology
(c) Indian Institute of Transportation
(d) Indian Institute of Technology
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
The sailors soon _____ food and water.
- (a) got along with (b) stood up for
(c) ran out of (d) looked up to
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'fare' to form a compound word.
- (a) engine (b) play (c) away (d) well
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
The child hid _____ the stairs when the mother called her for a bath.
- (a) among (b) upon (c) above (d) under
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
If he _____ her, she would have waited for him.
- (a) has informed (b) informed
(c) had informed (d) was informing
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
My uncle entered my house _____ I was doing my homework.
- (a) when (b) since (c) whenever (d) after

PART - II
SECTION - 1

Answer **any three** of the following questions in a sentence or two.

15. What woke up the mother ?
16. What was the daily routine of Sanyal ?
17. Who arrested Smith ? What were the charges against him ?
18. What devices help David to move from one place to another ?

SECTION - 2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer **any three** of the following.

3x2=6

19. My heart will keep the courage of the quest,
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.
- (a) What kind of quest does the poet seek here ?
(b) What is the poet's hope ?
20. Began to complain when he found that, at home,
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.
- (a) Who does 'he' refer to ?
(b) Why was his cupboard empty ?
21. We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine,
We were melted in the furnace and the pit
- (a) Who does 'we' refer to ?
(b) Where are they melted ?
22. It never grows leaves,
Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall.
It just sits there, never getting small or ever growing tall.
- (a) What does 'it' refer to ?
(b) In what way is the tree a mystery ?

SECTION - 3

Answer **any three** of the following.

3x2=

23. Rewrite the following sentence in Active voice.
You are advised not to be careless.
24. Change into indirect speech.
Maya said, "When is Zigzag coming here?"
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
the general is a woman yelled the soldiers.

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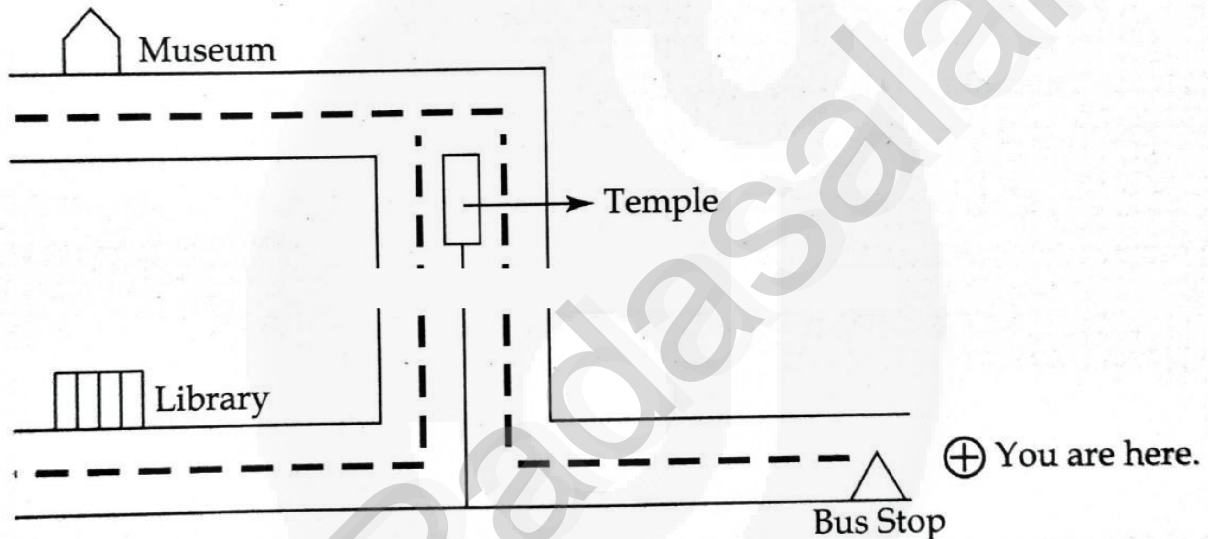
26. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.
Ramesh changed his dress and went out to play.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
- (a) followed/suggestion/my/they
- (b) hard-working/Mathew/was/businessman/a

SECTION - 4

Answer the following question.

1x2=

28. A stranger wants to visit the Museum. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.



PART - III SECTION - 1

2x5=

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

29. Describe the struggle underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.
31. How do we use technology in our day-to-day lives ?
32. Give an account of the last day of M. Hamel in school.

SECTION - 2

Answer **any two** of the following.

2x5=10

33. What is the central theme of the poem 'No men are foreign' ?
34. How are today's women portrayed by the poet ?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.
- She's a lioness; don't mess with her.
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.
Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.
She knows how to thaw you, saw you - so beware!
- (i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
(ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
(iii) Identify the figure of speech employed here in this stanza.
(iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the fourth line.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
- At night the house seems to be alive,
Lights flicker on and off.
I am often tempted to go to the house,
To just take a look and see what it is really about,
But fear takes over me.

SECTION - 3

1x5=5

Answer **any one** of the following.

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.
- (i) The King of Naples and Antonio repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.
(ii) Before Prospero left the island, he dismissed Ariel from his service.
(iii) He showed him his son Ferdinand playing chess with Miranda.
(iv) Our food lasted till we landed on this desert island.
(v) I will make you rich amends, by giving you my daughter.

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38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

In total despair at their failure to wake Zigzag, or at least stop him snoring, they shut themselves in the bedroom that was furthest away from Mrs. Krishnan's studio where Zigzag was creating the terrible din. Mrs. Krishnan was just unraveling a roll of cotton wool to stuff in her ears, when they heard their maid, Lakshmi, shrieking as if she had been electrocuted.

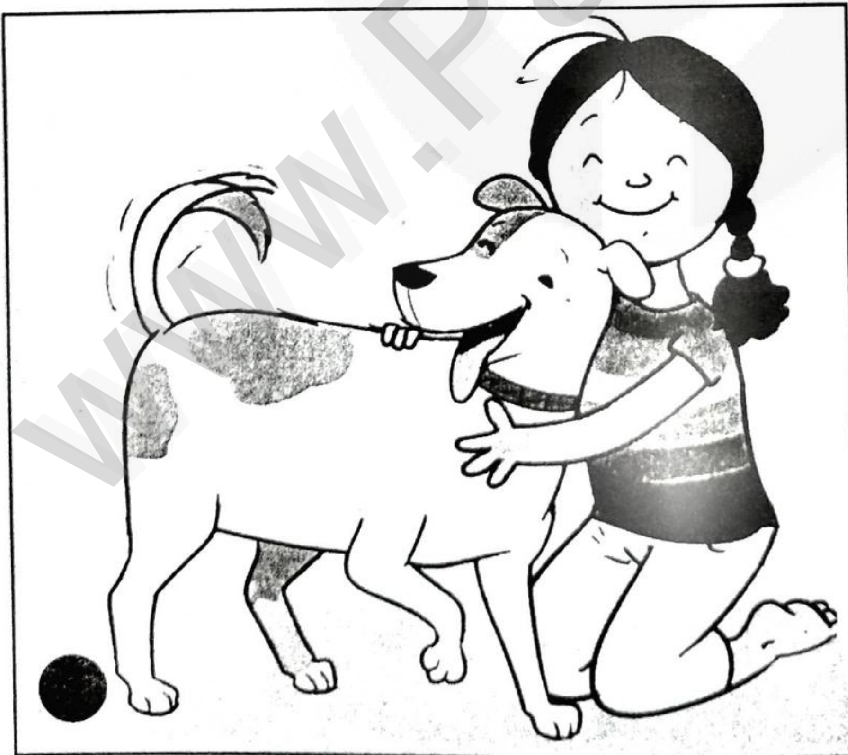
- (i) Were they able to stop Zigzag from snoring ?
- (ii) Where did they shut themselves ?
- (iii) What was Mrs. Krishnan trying to do ?
- (iv) Who is Lakshmi ?
- (v) How did Lakshmi scream ?

SECTION - 4

Answer **any four** of the following.

4x5=20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.
Raj Apparels - Aadi Sale - 40% - Special combo offers - Buy 1 Get 1 - West street - Madurai.
40. Write a letter to the Manager of a popular children's magazine, ordering subscription for your school library.
41. You are Aruna/Akash, the Literary Association Secretary of GHSS, Madurai. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school, inviting the students to participate in the oratorical competition to be conducted next month.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



13. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Dragon tales are known in many cultures, from the Americas to Europe, and from India to China. It's not clear when or where stories of dragons first emerged, but the huge, flying serpents were described by the ancient Greeks and Sumerians.

The word 'dragon' comes from the ancient Greek word 'draconta', meaning 'to watch', suggesting that the dragons are responsible for guarding valuables. Dragons typically guard treasures such as mountains of gold coins or gems. Some dragons have wings; others don't. Some dragons breathe fire; others can't. Some are only a few feet long; others span miles. Some live under the ocean; others can only be found in caves and inside the mountains.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

- I bought an book this morning.
- Sita goes to the market yesterday.
- We have not eaten anything from a long time.
- Sundar is either a cricket player nor a football player.
- We watched the sheeps ~~grazing~~ in the field

SECTION - 5

45. Quote from memory.

1x5=5

Some water, coal and drive.

PART - IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

2x8=16

- (a) True Story - little boy named Peter - rescues his fellowmen - sees a small hole - water flows like a stream - thrusts his finger - stops the leaking water - next morning - people repair the hole - thank Peter.

OR

- (b) Mulan - woman of courage - joins army - fights well - good leadership qualities - leads the troops - becomes General - Doctor reveals Mulan's identity - again wins the battle - Emperor appoints - royal adviser - Mulan returns home happily.

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47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

Elephants are considered keystone and umbrella species as they play a key role within the environment that they live in. As elephants live in herds and require large habitable areas, they tend to change the surrounding atmosphere from forests to grasslands and help to disperse the seeds in an ecosystem that has no natural means of pollinating the area. An elephant requires around 70 to 100 litres of water everyday. Therefore, the elephants in dry zones and dry seasons, dig holes in riverbeds in order to collect water and help sustain water for other species as well. The elephants' habit of clearing the path they roam has acted as natural buffer zones when forest fires take place.

Questions :

- What are the elephants considered as ?
- How many litres of water does an elephant require everyday ?
- Where do they dig holes to collect water ?
- What acts as buffer zones during the forest fires ?

OR

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

Books are what I like the best
They're not just toys like all the rest
That break, or get old, or don't want to play
A book gets better everyday.

Sit down and open it - Soon you'll find
A whole new world jump up in your mind,
People and places and all sorts of things -
Dragons and princesses, goblins and kings.

Dinosaurs walking the earth like thunder,
Ancient Egyptians who make you wonder,
Books about planets and space exploration,
The truth about rocks, and the birth of our nation.

And perhaps the most interesting story of all
That tells of the Prince who is going to call,
And even a picture to show how he looks -
Now these are the things that I like about books.

Questions :

- What jumps out of a book to take you to a new world ?
- How do the dinosaurs walk ?
- Why does the poet say that books are better than toys ?
- What sort of books do you like to read ?

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