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Language – Part B – ENGLISH – Paper I

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Time Allowed : 2½ 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 : This question paper contains Five Sections.

SECTION - I (VOCABULARY : 20 MARKS)

PART - I

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words :

5x1=5

The children stared at the Taj Mahal which was an amazing (i) structure and one among the seven wonders of the world. It was an architectural marvel of immense glory (ii). It exhibits the diligence (iii) of those who worked day in and day out to create this rare (iv) piece of magic. All the children jostled (v) for their positions to get photographed, in front of the Taj Mahal.

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| (i) | (a) bright | (b) alarming |
| | (c) wonderful | (d) superior |
| (ii) | (a) beauty | (b) popularity |
| | (c) strength | (d) integrity |
| (iii) | (a) carefulness | (b) steady effort |
| | (c) struggle | (d) intelligence |
| (iv) | (a) important | (b) different |
| | (c) uncommon | (d) common |
| (v) | (a) quarrelled | (b) campaigned |
| | (c) competed | (d) fought |

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2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words :

5x1=5

In ancient (i) India, the social and economic status of women was not very good. They were not fortunate (ii) enough to inherit an equal share of their ancestral property. The society was so narrow (iii)-minded that it paid no heed to their needs. It imposed various restrictions upon women. They were given harsh (iv) treatment at home too. Due to this, many of them had to lead a miserable (v) life.

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| (i) | (a) old | (b) modern |
| | (c) new | (d) current |
| (ii) | (a) lucky | (b) unfortunate |
| | (c) unhappy | (d) foolish |
| (iii) | (a) broad | (b) great |
| | (c) clear | (d) simple |
| (iv) | (a) good | (b) clever |
| | (c) gentle | (d) rough |
| (v) | (a) pathetic | (b) joyful |
| | (c) safe | (d) submissive |

PART - II

Answer any ten of the following :

10x1=10

3. The common expansion of TANSI is :
- Tamil Nadu Science Institutions
 - Tamil Nadu Small Scale Industries
 - Tamil Nadu Scheme Institutions
 - Tamil Nadu Savings Information
4. Choose the sentence that is correct in meaning :
- Children crept in through a hole in the wall
 - Children crept in through a whole in the wall
5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word :
Children like biscuits.

6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word sea to form a compound word ?
(a) toll (b) roar (c) thunder (d) food
7. What is the plural form of the word 'crisis' ?
(a) crisae (b) crises (c) crise
8. Add a suffix to the word danger from the list given below to complete the sentence.
A snake is a very danger _____ reptile.
(a) _____ness (b) _____ous (c) _____able (d) _____ly
9. Replace the underlined words in the sentence with *one* of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning.
The champion yielded to the strength of his opponent.
(a) gave on (b) gave back (c) gave in (d) gave up
10. Separate the syllables of *any one* of the following words :
(a) about (b) entertainment (c) internal
11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence.
During the Holi festival my cousin _____ the colour powder on me.
(a) Shriek (b) Spattered
12. Construct a sentence using *one* of the following words given :
(a) Courage (b) Courageous (c) Courageously
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a noun :
I decided to get first class in this examination.
14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning ?
Any one can easily learn English.
(a) No one can easily learn English.
(b) Every one can easily learn English.

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SECTION - II
(GRAMMAR : 25 MARKS)

PART - I

Answer all the following.

10x1=10

Respond to the following as directed.

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence ?

If it rains, _____.

- (a) I shall have been wet
(b) I shall get wet
(c) I should be wet

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence :

We wear woollen clothes in winter season.

- (a) SVOC (b) SVIODO (c) SVOA

17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement :

Shreya draws well, _____ ?

- (a) won't she (b) doesn't she (c) do she

18. Complete the sentence :

The man is _____ than the boy.

- (a) as tall as
(b) tallest
(c) taller

19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below :

Nothing is impossible in life.

- (a) Everything is possible in life.
(b) Something is impossible in life.
(c) Nothing is possible in life.

20. Complete the sentence with a correct prepositional phrase :
_____ his poverty, he is honest.
(a) In spite of (b) In the event of (c) On account of
21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence :
Everybody wishes _____ life.
(a) enjoying (b) to enjoy (c) enjoy
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence :
He is fond _____ with children.
(a) for playing (b) in playing (c) of playing
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence :
Karthik is _____ famous percussionist.
(a) an (b) a (c) the
24. Choose the correct tense form of the verb to complete the sentence :
We _____ Delhi last summer.
(a) visit (b) visited (c) will visit

PART - II

Answer all the following :

5x2=10

Rewrite as directed.

25. Combine two sentences.
The box is very heavy.
I cannot lift it.
26. Rewrite the sentence using other voice :
The man completed his work. His master paid him.
27. Rewrite the sentence in the direct speech :
The old man requested the students to help him to cross the street.

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28. Rewrite as a single sentence using a relative pronoun.
Did you buy the book ? You saw it in the shop.
29. Read the following sentences about the length of the girl's ribbon and write your observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison :
- (a) Seema's ribbon is 15 cm long.
 - (b) Neela's ribbon is 18 cm long.
 - (c) Kamala's ribbon is 12 cm long.
 - (d) Vimala's ribbon is 20 cm long.
 - (e) Sonia's ribbon is 15 cm long.

PART - III

30. Punctuate the following sentence :
have i been here for five hours

SECTION - III**(PROSE : 15 MARKS)****PART - I**

Answer briefly any five of the following questions. Your answer should not exceed 30 words. 5x2=

31. What was Hughie's financial status ?
32. How is music different from astronomy ?
33. How is character influenced by surroundings ?
34. What made Chaya triumphantly smile ?

35. Which are the states in India that have shown concern for the domestic workers ?
36. What could be the meaning of the phrase "Carrying winter on their back" ?
37. List out the specialities of Thanjavur.

PART - II

Answer in a paragraph **any one** of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words. 1x5=5

38. (a) What was the result of Hughie's mistaking the Baron for a beggar ?
- OR
- (b) What are the various duties of a student ? Describe any two duties of a student as pointed out by Gokhale ?
- OR
- (c) How would our research on migration benefit the birds ?

SECTION - IV

(POETRY : 20 MARKS)

PART - I

Quote from memory *one* of the following extracts :

1x5=5

39. (a) Five lines of the poem "MANLINESS"
- From: Except the will
- To : my son.
- (b) Five lines of the poem "MIGRANT BIRD"
- From : "No Flags"
- To : unknown lands"

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PART - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below :

5x1=5

40. "Good men perform just deeds, and brave men die,
And win not honour such as gold can give".
Who wins the honour ?
41. "A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling strings".
Who does 'child' refer to ?
42. "And underneath our heavy eye-lids drooping
The reddest flower would look as pale as snow".
Why would the flowers look pale ?
43. Virgin rock takes form
Rugged lines melt.
What is meant by virgin rock ?
44. "Sharp edges merge
Into smoothen well - moulded curves"
How are well - moulded curves formed ?

PART - III

Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below :

5x1=5

45. The world in gloom and splendour passes by
And thou in the midst of it with brows that gloom
A creature of that old distorted dream
that makes the sound of life an evil cry
Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

46. I breed my brood where'er I will
Pick out the words in alliteration.
47. Like pearls and now a silver blade
Name the figure of speech used in the above line ?
(a) Simile
(b) Metaphor
(c) Personification
48. Not loth to have excuse to go,
Because the autumn eve was fair
(Though chill), because the fields were ours,
And by the brook our woods were there.
Point out the rhyme scheme employed in these lines.
49. O' ye wheels (breaking out in a mad moaning)
'Stop ! be silent for to-day !
(a) Simile
(b) Personification
(c) Metaphor

PART - IV

Answer in a paragraph *any one* of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words.

1x5=5

50. (a) What are the views of the poet on the manner in which the millionaire acquires his wealth ?

OR

- (b) Describe the experiences of the children on their way to the brook to seek water.

OR

- (c) Attempt a description of the physical appearance of the shilpi as portrayed in the poem.

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SECTION - V
(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS : 20 MARKS)

51. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follow : 5x2=10

The Autobiography of a Euro

It took three long years for my coming into existence after the idea of a new currency was conceived. I was conceived and named on 1st Jan, 1999, when eleven European countries decided to have a new money form i.e. the Euro. My value was determined according to the conversion rate fixed by these countries in terms of their own currencies. On 1st January 2002, I was circulated as currency notes when twelve countries adopted me as their currency. Some countries opposed the idea of using me and initially refused to accept me. But now almost all the European countries have accepted me as valid currency. My brother Dollar who is in America, my brother Lira residing in Italy and my sister Sterling were quite jealous of me but soon they accepted my existence and started respecting me. I now enjoy a place of pride among all the currencies in the world and almost everyone accepts me freely.

Questions :

- (a) What is the passage about ?
 - (b) How many countries decided to have a new money form ?
 - (c) When was the Euro circulated as currency ?
 - (d) Name the currencies of America and Italy.
 - (e) What is the present status of the Euro ?
52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences : 5x1=5
- (a) Do you know which is world's tallest building ?
 - (b) I place great confidence on you.
 - (c) He is good athlete who performs well.
 - (d) I am absent yesterday.
 - (e) I cannot drive as fast as Rahul.

53. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in **one or two** sentences of your own :

5x1=5



- Which place do you think is depicted in this picture ?
- Whom do you think are the two persons amidst the bushes ?
- What are they looking at ?
- What are the various objects that you see near the bench ?
- What would be the reason for the man to sleep there at night ?

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