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March / April 2021

Subject : General English
Paper : III

Time : 2 hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Note: Answer any Four questions.

(4 x 5 = 20 Marks)

Q. 1. Identify two words in the given sentences that have a similar meaning.

- You throw the ball to the dog and it will toss it back to you.
- The unhappy ending of the story made us all sad.
- The gang of robbers disappeared into the crowd.
- The car's engine was noisy and the horn was loud.
- You will find your way if you stay on the right path.

Q. 2. Choose the most appropriate synonym for the word in the italics.

- The China cups were brightly coloured and *delicate*. (dainty/bonny)
- The huge mansion looked *empty*. (complete/ vacant)
- He was *bothered* by loud music. (secure/ annoyed)
- The dog is a *faithful* animal. (polite/ loyal)
- The juggler's tricks were *confusing*. (awful/ baffling)

Q. 3. Write the most appropriate antonym for the word in the italics.

- The map is very *inconvenient* _____
- The teacher *berated* the students for their performance _____
- When the army *advances*, the enemy _____
- Only fools are *vain*; wise people remain _____
- Although marketed as *fresh*, the vegetables were pretty _____

Q. 4. Fill in the blank with appropriate prepositions

- His report dealt _____ the academic activities of the college.
- The principal presided _____ the meeting.
- He advised the staff not to quarrel _____ themselves.
- The Prime Minister congratulated all the scientists _____ their success.
- This building is built _____ bricks.

Q. 5. Write the British Equivalent of the underlined American English Expressions.

- Where did you buy the *drapes*? They are beautiful.
- Look at my *closet*! It is full of new dresses.
- On my way to the city, I shall stop by to fill my car with *gas*.
- I have *fever*. Please bring me some medicines from the *drug store*.
- I am planning to go on a tour after my third *semester*.

Q. 6. Fill in the blanks with suitable connectives.

- They took a map along _____ they lost their way.
- I love carom, _____ my friends prefer cricket.
- _____ I didn't know anyone at the party, I left early.
- My handwriting is terrible _____ my sister's handwriting is beautiful
- She came late to the exam hall. _____ she forgot to bring a pen.

Q. 7. Re write the sentences changing their voice.

- The student wrote a brilliant review
- The Indian team will play the game tomorrow
- That song has been sung really sweetly by the choir.
- The landlord painted the house to let it out.
- Thousands of tourists view the Taj Mahal every year.

Q. 8. Read the sentences and correct the errors in the use of connectives.

- You keep my books when you like.
- It was getting late. Though the guests didn't leave.
- My sister went for shopping. Moreover she didn't buy anything.
- I will finish typing this, in the while you get the papers in order.
- I will call you whenever I have the results.

PART- B

Note: Answer any three questions.

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

- Examine Charlotte Bronte's view of life and how it differs from conventional wisdom.
- Tagore presents the man as an idler and calls the other place 'paradise' in 'A Wrong man in workers' Paradise' Are we supposed to take his words literally or does he mean something different? Discuss Tagore's use of irony in the story.
- What is the central idea of the poem 'Punishment in Kindergarden'? how does the poet express it?
- According to Narayan, what are the differences in the use of English among America, Britain and India? What should be the character of a Bharat brand of English?
- Compare and contrast the features of discursive and argumentative essays.
- 'Advertisements benefit the manufacturer. not the customer'. Write either a discursive or an argumentative essay on the topic.