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**U.G. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
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First Semester

Part II – English - Main

**Paper I – PROSE, SHORT STORIES AND
LANGUAGE SKILLS**

(For those who joined in July 2008 and onwards)

Time: Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A - (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

Answer each of the following questions in a word or a phrase or a sentence.

1. Who was the founder of the Modern Olympic Games?
2. What instances of corruption in India are given by Dr. Kalam?
3. Why did Rajaji go to the house of Colonel Ray Johnson?
4. What business did Albert Edward Foreman set up after leaving St. Peter's Neville Square?
5. How did Nicola and Jacopo conduct themselves during war?
6. What was Reynolds ambition?
7. What is the difference between a transitive verb and an intransitive verb?
8. What is a determiner?
9. The synonym for brutal is _____.
10. The antonym for 'obscure' is _____.

PART B - (5 x 5 = 25 marks)

Answer the following questions.

11. Answer any TWO of the following passages choosing ONE from each Group.

GROUP A

- (a) (i) The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.
(ii) If you can be an involved and appreciative citizen in an alien country why can't you be the same here in India?

GROUP B

- (b) (i) My letter appeared in the Madras mail. The members of the Bar were amused. One of them was angry.
(ii) Harly actually had to teach him a good deal of relatively elementary mathematics, for he had little formal education.

12. Attempt a short essay on the following in about 200 words.

- (a) How did the Selfish Giant turn to be good at the end?

Or

- (b) Narrate Two Gentle Men of Verona to bring out the theme of love and sacrifices of Nicola and Jacopo for their sister.

13. Answer ALL the questions as directed.

Identify the underlined word as noun, pronoun, adjective or determiner.

- (a) Every student has finished the work.

Complete the sentence with an appropriate word given in brackets.

- (b) There's heavy _____ at this time. (vehicles, traffic)

Rewrite each sentence with the plural forms of the nouns in brackets.

- (c) (i) The _____ were drawing water. (woman)
(ii) The _____ are late today. (bus)

Give the s-genitive of the following :

- (d) The wife of the Prime Minister.

Correct the errors in the following sentences.

- (e) (i) We went there to enjoy the sceneries.
(ii) My sister bought three clothes yesterday.

Identify the underlined words as countable nouns or uncountable nouns.

(f) This girl has got long dark hair.

14. Rewrite as directed.

Use the 'as _____ as' construction in the blank.

(a) The weather is _____ it was yesterday. (nice)

Put the adverb in correct place:

(b) Asha is happy. (always)

Complete each sentence with the appropriate word given in brackets.

(c) The guests have _____ left. (already, still, yet)

(d) The steps are _____ slippery to use today. (too, enough, very)

Use suitable prepositions in the following sentence.

(e) She keeps her money _____ a small box and puts it _____ her bag.

Use appropriate word in the blank.

(f) He answered our questions _____ (honest, very honest, honestly)

15. Expand any ONE of the proverbs into a paragraph in about 100-150 words.

(a) Rome was not built in a day.

(b) An idle brain is the devil's workshop.

SECTION C – (5 x 8 = 40 marks)

16. Attempt an essay in about 400-500 words on any ONE of the following.

(a) How do the characters of Ray Johnson and Rajaji stand revealed through the story Tree Speaks?

(b) How does Priestly compare his past state when he had cars, to present state when he has no car?

17. Attempt an essay in about 400 words on any ONE of the following.

- (a) Discuss the relationship between the post master and Ratan.
- (b) What qualities of Edward Foreman's character impress you most and why?

18. Answer ALL questions as directed.

Complete each sentence with an appropriate determiner from the brackets.

- (a) _____ student got a prize. (each, few, most)
- (b) I've already put _____ sugar in my coffee. (some, few many)

Choose the appropriate possessive forms.

- (c) A penguin doesn't use _____ (its/it's) wings to fly.
- (d) Your umbrella is almost the same as _____ (my/mine)

Use appropriate articles in the blanks.

- (e) There's _____ letter for you.
- (f) Mother is in _____ kitchen.

Complete the sentence with correct comparative or superlative of the adjectives given in brackets.

- (g) This is the _____ novel I have ever read. (interesting)
- (h) A table is _____ than a stool. (heavy)
- (i) A car is _____ than a bicycle.

Complete each sentence with an appropriate linking verb given in brackets:

- (j) The proposal _____ reasonable (sounds, gets, feels)
- (k) It's _____ late. (smelling, getting, sounding)
- (l) She _____ sad when she heard the news. (felt, made, smelled)

19.(a) Give the synonyms of the following.

- (i) Abridge = _____
- (ii) Fabricate = _____

(iii) Bankrupt = _____

(iv) Compatible = _____

(b) Give the antonyms of the following.

(i) Fatigue x _____

(ii) Inquisitive x _____

(iii) Parsimony x _____

(iv) Rebuke x _____

(c) Distinguish between the pairs of words.

(i) Pray - Prey

(ii) Hair - Hare

(iii) Meat - Meet

(iv) Site - Sight

20. Attempt the following.

(a) Develop the hints given into a story in about 150-200 words.

Six people – go on pilgrimage – cross river – "Are all of us safe?"
– each one counts others – only five – worried – returns – wants to count
again – another man counts – all six safe – "the man lost in the river is
back with us."

(b) Make notes on the following passage or make a precis of it.

A volcano is a vent in the earth's crust having a funnel shaped hollow from which eruption or flow of hot material called lava takes place. It is caused by magma forcing its way to the earth's surface. Before the flow of lava, rock fragments and ashes are also thrown out into the air. When the lava ejected by a volcano is thick it goes on accumulating round the vent and forms a conical hill. With further accumulations of lava in this way, it forms a high mountain called a volcanic mountain.

The mouth of the volcano which looks like a bowl is known as a crater. When a volcano remains inactive for a long period, the rain water

accumulates in the crater, and forms a lake called a crater lake. Sometimes lava comes out through deep fissure. This type of lava ejection is called fissure eruption.

Some volcanoes emit lava, ashes, steam, gases, etc. frequently. They are called active volcanoes. The Barren island volcano in the Andaman Islands, Etna in Sicily and Stromboli in the Mediterranean Sea are good examples. There are about 450 active volcanoes in the world. Volcanoes that have remained inactive for quite a long period are sleeping or dormant volcanoes. Such volcanoes are very dangerous because they suddenly rise to activity. Vesuvius near Naples in Italy is the example of this type of volcano.