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GENERAL ENGLISH

(1st Semester)

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Full Marks : 75
Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

UNIT—I

1. Rewrite the sentences using appropriate forms of the verbs given in the brackets (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) I (wait) outside when I saw her coming.

(b) He had (think) of a good answer to the question.

(c) French (speak) in many countries of the world.

(d) He (swear) by God that he was honest.

(e) Prices (go) up very high.

(f) The game (start) before we reached.

(g) He talks as if he (know) everything.

2. Fill up the blanks with the correct preposition (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) A saint does not hanker _____ wealth.

(b) I bought this book _____ twenty rupees.

(c) The work is done _____ haste.

(d) There is none to stand _____ the orphan.

(e) John has no taste _____ music.

(f) It cannot be done _____ offence.

(g) He has not yet recovered _____ his illness.

3. Change the following into indirect speech : 5

(a) The traveller said, "Can you tell me the way to the nearest inn?" "Yes", said the peasant, "do you want one in which you can spend the night?" "No", replied the traveller, "I only want a meal".

Or

(b) "Friends", said the old man, "sit down and rest yourselves here on this bench. My good wife Baucis has gone to see what you can have for supper."

UNIT—II

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

In 1951, a white tiger cub was captured in the forests of Rewa State, in Rajasthan. Before this, no one had reported the existence of white tigers, but today, they can be seen in many zoos around the world and they attract a lot of visitors, specially children, because of their unusual appearance. Many people think that the white tiger belongs to a different species from the ordinary Bengal tiger, which has a bright orange-coloured coat with black stripes, but in fact they belong to the same species.

Sometimes, a pair of ordinary tigers will produce white cubs. This is a very rare event and happens only once in approximately 10,000 births. The white colour of the offspring is due to some changes in the genes of the parents.

White tigers have pink noses and white or cream-coloured fur with black, grey or chocolate-coloured stripes. Their eyes are usually blue, but may be green or amber. There are around 600 white tigers in the world.

White tigers have always been extremely rare in the wild and have only been spotted in India. The reason why they are so rare is that the white colour makes for poor camouflage when the tiger is hunting or hiding.

(a) Which was the first reported instance of a white tiger? 1

(b) How are white tigers different in appearance from ordinary tigers? 1

(c) How can we explain the fact that some tigers are white? 1

(d) Why are white tigers so rare? 1

(e) In which parts of the world are white tigers found? 1

5. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following topics : 10

(a) Freedom of Speech

(b) Environment Pollution

UNIT—III

6. *(a)* Write a newspaper report on a book-fair held in the university campus. 10

Or

(b) Write a letter to your father describing your plan to go for an educational excursion. 10

7. Make necessary correction in the following sentences (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) I don't mind to share my room.

(b) Mary told us that she will tell us a story.

(c) Why you have come so early?

(d) Please divide this among the two boys.

(e) They did not see nobody there.

(f) My friend is in Army.

(g) Either you or she are presenting a paper.

UNIT—IV

8. *(a)* Explain Shakespeare's idea that true love is not dependent on physical aspects, as you can read in the poem *The Marriage of True Minds*. 11

Or

(b) Write a critical appreciation of John Keats' poem *Ode to Autumn*. 11

9. *(a)* Point out briefly how Milton turned to trust in God's purpose in his poem *On His Blindness*. 4

Or

(b) Why did the Magi, in Eliot's poem feel for making another journey? 4

UNIT—V

10. *(a)* How did the verger in Maugham's story manage to earn his livelihood after his dismissal by the vicar? 11

Or

(b) Explain how sacrifice endows greatness to the love of the couple in the story, *A Service of Love*. 11

11. *(a)* "The vergers of St. Peter's like the Popes of Rome, were there for life." Explain. 4

Or

(b) Describe how Joe sacrificed for Delia's career. 4

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