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**Language — Part II — ENGLISH — Paper I**  
**( Reader and Linguistic Competencies )**

Time Allowed : 3 Hours ]

[ Maximum Marks : 100

*Instruction :*

In your answer-book, use the Arabic numerals **1 to 69** of the questions you answer.

**SECTION - A**

**( Vocabulary — Lexical Competencies )**

( Marks : 30 )

- I. A. Choose the most appropriate of the four given contexts which equates with that of the *italicized lexical item* in each of the following sentences :

5 × 1 = 5

1. I honour Caesar for his *valour*.
  - a) The judge did not condemn him.
  - b) He is very patient in dealing with his enemies.
  - c) Everyone admired him.
  - d) The soldiers showed great courage in defending their country.
2. Yet, with Gandhi a new unique element *emerged*.
  - a) A fierce storm arose.
  - b) Priya cleaned the floor.
  - c) An emergency meeting was held in the evening.
  - d) The disease spreads quickly.

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3. I therefore dismiss with *frigid tranquility*.
- a) It was a traditional festival.
  - b) Prem became calm after his defeat.
  - c) Monah is a famous doctor in the city.
  - d) The manager signed the letter.
4. The poison blinded him *instantly*.
- a) Sita consumed poison.
  - b) Ravi was taken to the hospital immediately.
  - c) Kumar was doubtful about the result.
  - d) The explosion caused great damage.
5. They were *industrious* enough to slave in the paddy field.
- a) Arvind is a hardworking boy.
  - b) Anitha is a humble girl.
  - c) Dass worked in a reputed company.
  - d) The production decreased suddenly.

B. Choose the most accurate one of the *four* given words *opposite* to the *italicized* word :

5 × 1 = 5

6. He was my friend, *faithful* and just to me.
- a) Enmity
  - b) Indifferent
  - c) Disloyal
  - d) Dishonest.
7. He looked sullen and *suspicious*.
- a) Doubtful
  - b) Hateful
  - c) Certain
  - d) Happy.
8. But Khem Narn is not to be *deterred*.
- a) Discouraged
  - b) Detained
  - c) Detached
  - d) Encouraged.

9. ... no dictionary of a living tongue ever can be *perfect*.

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| a) Imperfect | b) Peaceful  |
| c) Produce   | d) Indecent. |

10. Thereby achieving the maximum *destruction*.

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| a) damage | b) construction |
| c) defeat | d) warning.     |

C. Answer any *ten* of the following :

10 × 2 = 20

11. Write a sentence using the plural form of 'foot' or 'criterion'.

12. Use the idiom 'in the pink of health' in a sentence of your own.

13. Write a sentence using the expanded form of LPG.

14. Niveditha's ..... son ..... himself to the new environment.

( Fill in the blanks with adapted / adopted )

15. Form a word by blending the words 'medical' and 'care' and use the blended word in a sentence of your own.

16. Syllabify any *two* of the following words :

institution, dramatic, astrology, entertain.

17. Write sentences using 'tear' as a verb and 'tear' as a noun.

18. Write a sentence of your own using the American English word for 'tap'.

19. Use the compound word 'shop owner' in a sentence of your own.

20. Write a sentence using a word with the prefix 'un —' or the suffix '— less'.

21. Form compound words :

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| a) Noun + Verb | b) Gerund + Noun. |
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22. Write sentences using the phrasal verbs 'keep up' and 'keep on'.

23. Write sentences using the clipped words from 'demarcate' and 'mathematics'.

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## SECTION - B

## ( Grammatical Competencies )

( Marks : 20 )

II. A. Fill in the blanks of the following sentences : 10 × 1 = 10

24. Students ..... submit the record note books on time.

( Use a semi-modal verb )

25. The children ..... ( *burst* ) into peals of laughter.

( Use the given verb in the suitable form )

26. The scientists ..... ( *achieve* ) 'the chain reaction'.

( Use the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets )

27. Mrs. Benitha ..... teaches us English is our class teacher.

( Use a relative pronoun )

28. He is the man ..... bike is stolen.

( Use a relative pronoun )

29. One ..... always keep his promises.

( Use a modal verb )

30. Frame a sentence of the pattern SVIDO.

31. Anne was happy ..... her poverty.

( Use a suitable phrase / preposition )

32. Metals have been replaced by plastics.

This is an example of ..... passive voice.

( Fill in the blank )

33. He asked me to wait ..... he returns.

( Use a suitable link word )

B. Transform the following sentences as instructed :

5 × 2 = 10

34. Report the dialogue :

*Shop-keeper* : Why did you bring this book ?

*Student* : Ten pages are missing in this book.

*Shop-keeper* : Please bring the bill. I will exchange it with a fresh copy.

35. If he had explained the problem, I would have helped him.

( Begin the sentence with 'Had' )

36. In spite of being old, he walks quickly.

( Rewrite as a complex sentence )

37. Karthi is intelligent. He will get a job.

( Combine the sentences into a compound sentence )

38. He did not give his address. I could not visit him.

( Rewrite using 'if' clause )

### SECTION - C

#### ( Reading Competencies )

( Marks : 15 )

III. A. Identify the following sentences with the fields in the list given below by understanding the word or words serving as the clue : 5 × 1 = 5

39. An astronaut has to undergo vigorous training to go to space.

40. The gallstones have to be removed by the laparoscopic operation.

41. Hockey is our national game.

42. Rice contains more carbohydrates.

43. Michael Jackson is known as the King of Pop.

( Music, Medicine, Sports, Space, Nutrition, Dietetics )

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- B. Read the following passage and answer in your own words the questions given below : 5 × 2 = 10

The pearl is considered one of the most beautiful jewels. It is one gem that is not dug up from a mine in the earth. It is grown in the shell of an oyster. The oyster does not make the pearl for the purpose of adorning the necks of women. It makes it only as a means of self protection. Sometimes a hard, tiny object like a grain of sand gets inside the shell. It irritates the soft sensitive flesh. The oyster has no way to free itself of it. To protect itself from the object, the oyster begins to cover the object with a thick fluid from its own body, when this layer hardens, and the irritation begins again, another layer is added. This goes on for many years — until finally the oyster has produced a beautiful pearl.

*Questions :*

44. Where does the pearl come from ?
45. What irritates the soft sensitive flesh ?
46. What does the oyster cover the object with ?
47. How are the layers formed ?
48. How long does the oyster take to produce a pearl ?

#### SECTION - D

( *Writing Competencies - Prose* )

( Marks : 15 )

- IV. A. Answer any *one* of the following questions in a paragraph of about 100 words : 1 × 5 = 5

49. Critically analyse the funeral oration of Mark Antony.
50. Deshpande's trekking experience from Ragashkund to Surajkund.
51. How did Johnson collect the words for his dictionary ?

B. Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following :

1 × 10 = 10

52. Gandhiji was no advocate of blind adherence to tradition. Explain.
53. Describe how Gungaram's superstitious practices lead to his death.
54. Explain the causes and effects of atomisation on Hiroshima.

**SECTION - E**

**( Literary Competencies - Poetry )**

( Marks : 20 )

V. A. Read the following *five* sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below each of them :

6 × 1 = 6

i) "Learn to labor and to wait."

55. What is the message for the youth in this line ?

ii) "To live, unknown beyond the cherished circle"

56. Give the meaning of 'cherished circle'.

iii) "You blossomed into a nascent loveliness."

57. Whom does the word 'you' refer to ?

58. What does the poet mean by nascent loveliness ?

iv) "Like a King in exile, uncrowned in the — underworld."

59. Who was the king in exile ?

v) "I shot him dead because —

Because he was my foe"

60. Why did the poet shoot him ?

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- B. Read the following *three* sets of lines and answer the questions given below in each set of lines : 3 × 1 = 3

i) "Like the golden swarm of five flies you came"

61. Mention the figure of speech used here.

ii) "For the soul is dead that slumbers"

62. Write out the words in alliteration.

iii) "And I thought of the albatross,

And I wished he would come back, my snake."

63. What is the allusion used here ?

- C. Explain any *two* of the following sets of lines with reference to the context : 2 × 3 = 6

64. "Had he and I but met

By some old ancient inn"

65. "It launched forth filament, filament,

— filament, out of itself"

66. "In the end will be the WORD

And the word will be God in Man"

- D. Write a paragraph of 100 words on any *one* of the following : 1 × 5 = 5

67. Why according to Hardy, war is quaint and curious ?

68. Write a paragraph on Anne Louisa Walker's views on women's rights.

69. What was D. H. Lawrence's mean act and how did he regret it ?

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