Language — Part II — ENGLISH — Paper I

(New Syllabus)

(Reader and Linguistic Competencies)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]   [Maximum Marks : 100

Instructions :

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

SECTION – A

(Vocabulary — Lexical Competencies)

(Marks : 30)

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

5 × 1 = 5

1.   He hath brought many *captives* home to Rome.

     a)   The captain managed the team perfectly.

     b)   The captions were attractive.

     c)   The prisoners were abandoned.

     d)   The mice were caught in a trap.

2.   Mahatma Gandhi was a *ceaseless* crusader of women's equality.

     a)   The untiring effort of Srinath has brought success to his team.

     b)   He was determined to win.

     c)   She is conscious of her appearance.

     d)   My dog was faithful till the end.

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3. I had been rudely *awakened* several times.

    a) I slept for only four hours.

    b) The old man was roused from his sleep when the dog barked.

    c) The viral fever made him weak.

    d) The loudspeaker disturbed the entire locality.

4. Many orators have been masters in much more *ornate* and decorative speech.

    a) She spoke in a flowery language.

    b) The station will be operative again in January.

    c) Our library has the original works of Shakespeare.

    d) She is very innovative and practical.

5. He picked up wasps we *battered* with our badminton rackets.

    a) The Queen of hearts thrashed the Knave of hearts for stealing her tarts.

    b) The carpenter hammered the nail into the wood.

    c) The batsman struck the ball for a sixer.

    d) The angry man banged his head against the wall.

B. Choose the most accurate of the four given words opposite to the italicized word :   5 × 1 = 5

6. The staircase is quite *broad*.

    a) steep   b) narrow

    c) shallow   d) wide.

7. Women's *marvellous* power is lying dormant.

    a) ordinary   b) magnificent

    c) bright   d) dull.

8. Bhutia is the highest *abandoned* village in the world.

    a) adapted   b) unrestrained

    c) deserted   d) inhabited.

9. A good writer should endeavour to be direct, simple, brief, *vigorous* and lucid.

a) strong   b) spiritless

c) victorious   d) detailed.

10. The familiar ball of fire which travels through the sky seemed for an instant *extinguished.*

a) hidden   b) begun

c) faded   d) lit.

C. Answer any *ten* of the following :   10 × 2 = 20

11. Write a sentence using the plural form of 'datum' or 'alumnus'.

12. Use the idiom "to give a piece of ones mind" in a sentence of your own.

13. Write a sentence using the expanded form of the abbreviation UGC.

14. They had dates for .... in the ....

(Fill in the blanks with dessert ; desert)

15. Form a word by blending the words 'helicopter' and 'airport' and use the blended word in your own sentence.

16. Syllabify any two words : 'institution', 'advantage', 'inspiration' and 'association'.

17. Write a sentence using the word 'equal' as a noun and 'equal' as an adjective.

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

19. Use the compound word 'duty free' in your own sentence.

20. Write a sentence using a word with the prefix 'im-' or the suffix '- able'.

21. Form compound words :

a) Noun + Noun,   b) Noun + Verb.

22. Write sentences using the phrasal verbs 'pick on' and 'pick up'.

23. Write sentences using the clipped words from 'perambulator' and 'microphone'.

SECTION – B

(Grammatical Competencies)

(Marks : 20)

A. Fill in the blanks of the following sentences : $10 \times 1 = 10$

24. A good teacher ....make even boring lessons interesting.

    (use a modal verb)

25. One never knows what the future ....(bring)

    (use the given verb in suitable form)

26. You .... not read every chapter.

    (Fill in the blank with a semi modal)

27. My friend, ...father works in Agra, has made a clay model of the Taj Mahal.

    (use a relative pronoun)

28. Most of the friends............ she had invited came to her wedding.

    (use a relative pronoun)

29. I've gone ....all the shelves in the library, but I can't find a Thesaurus.

    (use a phrase / preposition)

30. One thousand Internet connections .... (give) in Pollachi by the end of next year.

    (use the given verb in suitable form)

31. Frame a sentence of the pattern SVOC.

32. "Rare plants are found in the silent valley". This is an example of .... passive voice.

    (write the kind of passive voice)

33. ....the cat is away, the mice are at play.

    (use a suitable link word)

B. Transform the following sentences as instructed :   5 × 2 = 10

34. Report the dialogue :

    Tourist :   How can I reach Mahabalipuram ?

    Tourist guide : You can drive along the East Coast Road. The road is smooth and free from traffic jams and in about 90 minutes you will reach Mahabalipuram.

    Tourist :   Oh, that's fine. Thank you.

35. If I had known you were ill, I would have called on you.

    (begin with 'Had')

36. As my uncle was not willing to help me, I had to apply for a loan from the bank.

    (Rewrite as a compound sentence)

37. I stand for justice and fair play. The whole world knows about it.

    (combine the sentences using 'that')

38. Anne Mansfield Sullivan was poor and ill. Yet she taught Helen Keller with a passion.

    (combine the sentences into a simple sentence)

SECTION – C

(Reading Competencies)

(Marks : 15)

III. A. Identify each sentence with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue :   5 × 1 = 5

39. The flight was cancelled owing to fog.

40. Cloning has proved that it is possible to replicate human beings.

41. An Indian is invited to referee the French Open.

42. The world will have to live with high oil prices and their negative impact on economic growth.

43. The committee discussed development of ideal teacher training curriculum.

    (weather, commerce, science, education, sports)

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

I have always been attracted by people of unusual habits. By this, I do not imply hippies and drop-outs or anyone of that band of unhappy people for whom modern society is too sick and uncivilized to bear. No, I mean those quiet, orderly people, living apparently blameless lives, who enrich their humdrum existences by adopting odd quirks and passions, unlikely routines or harmless manias for useless objects. Like the secretary I had, who collected earwigs, though what she did with them I never knew. I believe that she loved them because they were small and thin like herself and had a way of scuttling about in very much the same way she did. Life, I am sure, would be very much poorer without such people in it. Sometimes, I feel I am lacking in personality, since I have none of these strange habits. Unless you count the fact that I never eat eggs unless they are boiled in milk.

Questions :

44. What attracted the author ?

45. According to the author, who are the people who have unusual habits ?

46. What did the author's secretary collect ?

47. Why did she love them, according to the author ?

48. Do you think that the author has any strange habit ? If so, what is it ?

SECTION – D

Writing Competencies (Prose)

(Marks : 15)

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

49. What are the essentials for good public speaking ?

50 How do you relate 'Ahimsa' and 'Satyagraha' to women ?

51. What is the aftermath of atomisation on Hiroshima ?

B. Write an essay in about 250 words on *one* of the following :   1 x 10 = 10

52. The trekking experience of Ahtushi Deshpande.

53. Compare and contrast the speeches of Brutus and Mark Antony.

54. Write an essay on Gunga Ram's Kala Nag.

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 x 1 = 6

   i) "In the bivouac of life

   Be not like dumb driven cattle".

55. What is meant by "bivouac" ?

   ii) "Not in a dreamy and inane abstraction

   To sleep our life away."

56. What is meant by "inane abstraction" ?

57. Explain "sleep our life away".

   iii) "Till the gossamer thread you fling catch somewhere

   O my soul."

58. What is meant by gossamer thread ?

   iv) "Like a golden swarm of fireflies you came."

59. Explain the comparison.

   v) "On the day of Sicilian July with Etna smoking the voice of education said to me........"

60. What is Etna ?

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

    i) "O winged seeds ! You crossed the furrowed seas

        To nestle in the warm and silent earth."

61. Mention the figure of speech used in these lines.

    ii) "You'd treat if met where any bar is

        or help to half-a - crown."

62. Write out the words in alliteration is the above lines.

    iii) "Dust thou art, to dust returnest,

        was not spoken of the soul."

63. What allusion is referred to here ?

C. Explain any *two* of the following sets of lines with reference to the context :

2 × 3 = 6

64. "A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,

    Seeing, shall take heart again".

65. "It launched forth filament, filament, filament, out of itself".

66. "And I thought of the albatross

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

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

67. How does the poet define "Women's rights" ?

68. How does V.K.Gokak address English words ?

69. Bring out the emotions expressed in the poem "The man he killed".