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Branch – ENGLISH

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE – I:**  
**ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS**

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

PART A

- I. In the following passage, you will find some blank spaces with numbers. You are given a choice of three words marked a, b, and c against the numbers below the passage. Choose the best alternative to fill in the blanks: (3 marks)
- A. When sound entered the world of cinema, mime made a gracious exit since then, it stood proudly as a performing art in itself, independent and ----- (1) in style, approach, treatment and performance not matched however, by popular acceptance. During the silent era actors in silent films had to ----- (2) totally on mime as the only way of expressing their emotions, expressions, incidents, events and interactions between and among characters. German Expressionist cinema, the acting of classic performers like Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton used mime they had ----- (3) as part of their theatrical experience in their films with great effect.
1. a) fair      b) dependent      c) unique  
2. a) act      b) rely      c) depict  
3. a) worked      b) learnt      c) qualified
- B. In the following questions, there exists a certain relationship between the two capitalized words. Following them are other pairs of words. Select the pairs whose relationship runs parallel to that of the capitalized pair: (2 marks)
1. COUNTRY : PRESIDENT :: STATE : -----?  
a. GOVERNOR      b. CHIEF MINISTER      c. MLA      d. LEGISLATOR
2. PEACE : CHAOS :: CREATION : -----?  
a. BUILD      b. CONSTRUCTION      c. DESTRUCTION  
d. MANUFACTURE
- C. Select a word which is similar in meaning to the word given: (2 marks)
1. Mendacious  
a) false      b) full of confidence      c) encouraging      d) provocative
2. Debacle  
a) decline      b) defeat      c) collapse      d) disgrace
- D. Select a word which is opposite in meaning to the word given: (2 marks)
1. Repugnant  
a) amiable      b) amoral      c) apolitical      d) repulsive
2. Altercation  
a) quarrel      b) friendly discussion      c) contest      d) dispute
- E. Choose the four wrongly spelt words from the words given: (2 marks)
1. Envirement      2. Ninety      3. Lieuetenant      4. grammer  
5. Acknoweledge      6. Characteristic
- F. Make acceptable words from each of the following groups of letters (2 marks)
- 1) EPOSMI      2) ACOLLE      3) RFEREP      4) DREDNI
- G. Generate four words by adding Affixes (prefix or suffix) (2 marks)
1. prestige      2. terror      3. resist      4. Wrap

Cont...

H. Identify the word that could replace the underlined word with no change of meaning:  
(4\* ½ =2 marks)

1. We heard the pots and pans clanking in the kitchen  
a) sticking                      b) falling                      c) rowing                      d) rattling
2. Rainy days are typical of October.  
a) abnormal                      b) aberrant                      c) characteristic                      d) unusual
3. The sighting of the flying saucer was inexplicable.  
a) unfathomable                      b) reasonable                      c) clear                      d) logical
4. The child's stubbornness enraged the mother  
a) mollified                      b) appeased                      c) placated                      d) infuriated

I. In the following sentences, an idiom or phrase is underlined. Pick out the correct meaning of the idiom or phrase from the choices given:  
(4\* ½ =2 marks)

1. He hit the nail on the head when he said this company needs more HR support.  
-a) used a nail to hang a picture                      b) to be diplomatic  
c) to discuss thoroughly                      d) to describe the reason exactly
2. Himani was going to go skydiving, but she chickened out.  
a) did it wrong                      b) avoided out of fear  
c) made it marvelously                      d) didn't have enough money.
3. He fawned over the police in the hope that they would give him his bike.  
a) bribed                      b) praised                      c) fought with                      d) discussed
4. They are phasing in the reforms over the next two years.  
a) facing different ages                      b) entering                      c) changing                      d) introduce gradually

J. Each of the following sentences has one or two blanks. The blanks indicate that a piece of the sentence is missing. Each sentence is followed by four answer choices that consist of words or phrases. Select the answer choice that completes the sentence best:  
(4 marks)

1. Her \_\_\_\_\_ display of tears at work did not impress her new boss, who felt she should try to control her emotions.  
a) maudlin                      b) meritorious                      c) precarious                      d) plausible
2. Such a \_\_\_\_\_ violation of school policy should be punished by nothing less than expulsion.  
a) copious                      b) flagrant                      c) raucous                      d) nominal
3. It is helpful for salesmen to develop a good \_\_\_\_\_ with their customers in order to gain their trust.  
a) platitude                      b) ire                      c) tribute                      d) rapport
4. They ..... against the gross injustice meted out to them.  
a) cried up                      b) cried on                      c) cried out                      d) cried away

K. Rearrange the following group of words labeled as PQRS into meaningful sentences:  
(2marks)

1. Freedom, which .....,  
P. in the sense  
Q. that a wide gulf separates the rich and the poor women  
R. a modern woman enjoys  
S. is the restricted kind  
a) PQRS                      b) RSPQ                      c) QSRP                      d) SQRP
2. People .....,  
P. from doing something themselves  
Q. or reading about it  
R. usually learn more  
S. than by watching someone else  
a) SRQP                      b) QSPR                      c) RQPS                      d) RPSQ

L. In the following sentences, the topic sentence (S1) and the restatement of the topic

(S6) are given. Sequence the other sentences given in the jumbled order: (3 marks)

S1: If we dump sewage into a stream, on a small scale, the stream dissolves it and purifies it.

S6: For this overwhelming kind of pollution we need to coin a new term which we call super-pollution.

P: It can no longer deal even with the small quantity of sewage which it once accepted without difficulty.

Q: Ten miles downstream the water is pure again.

R: The system has broken down.

S: But if we dump large quantities of sewage, we end by killing the purifying bacteria and then the stream has lost its power to purify.

(a) QSPR (b) PQRS (c) QPRS (d) PQSR

M. Read each of the following sentences to find out whether there is any error in the underlined parts numbered. Mark the number of the part which contains error in the answer sheet. In case of no error, 5 can be marked: (15 marks)

1. It was him / who faced / all the difficulties of life / to get bread and butter on the table.

A B C D  
No error  
E

2. We discussed about the problem/ so thoroughly/ on the eve of the examination/ that I found it very easy to work it out. No error.

A B C  
D E

3. An Indian ship/ Laden with merchandise/ got drowned / in the Pacific Ocean. No error.

A B C D E

4. I could not put up/ in a hotel/ because the boarding and lodging charges/ were exorbitant.

A B C D  
No error.  
E

5. The Indian radio/ which was previously controlled/ by the British rulers/is free now from

A B C  
the narrow vested interests. No error  
D E

6. If I had known/ this/ yesterday/ I will have helped him. No error.

A B C D E

7. A lot of travel delay/ is caused/ due to the inefficiency and lack of good management/ on behalf of the railways. No error.

D E

8. One of the members/ expressed doubt/ if the Minister/ was an atheist. No error.

A B C D E

9. I have got/ my / M.A. degree/in 1988. No error.

A B C D E

10. Having received your letter / this morning,/ we are writing / to thank you for the same.

A B C D  
No error.  
E

11. According to the Bible,/ it is meek and humble/ who shall/ inherit the earth. No error.

A B C D E

12. The police could / prove that the jail inmate / died from a overdose / of the antidepressant. No error.  
A B C D E
13. The flexible of rubber / makes it a perfect / material to be molded / into tyres. / No error  
A B C D E
14. Teachers and law makers / are the people who / carves the future / of the country. No error  
A B C D E
15. In view of the current market situations / and economic conditions / RBI has proposed to withdraw a few / product it launched for the customers from middle income group.  
A B C D E

## SECTION B

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it: (15 marks)

A. Many people believe that science and religion are contrary to each other. But the notion is wrong. As a matter of fact, both are correlated to each other. There is no doubt that the method of science and religion are different. The method of science is observation, experimentation and experience. Science takes its recourse to progressive march towards perfection. The rules of religion are faith, intuition and spoken word of the enlightened. In general, while science is inclined towards reason and rationality, spiritualism is the essence of religion. In earlier times, when man appeared on Earth, he was over-awed at the sight of violent and powerful aspects of nature. In certain cases, the usefulness of different objects of nature overwhelmed man. Thus began the worship of the forces of nature – fire, sun, the rivers, the rocks, the trees, the snakes, etc. The holy scriptures were written by those who had developed harmony between external nature and their inner self. Their objective was to ennoble, elevate and liberate the human spirit and mind. But the priestly class took upon itself the monopoly of scriptural knowledge and interpretation to its own advantage.

Thus, the entire human race was in chains. Truth was flouted and progressive, liberal and truthful ideas or ideas expressing doubt and skepticism were suppressed and their holders were punished. It was in these trying circumstances, science emerged as a saviour of mankind. But, its path was not smooth and safe. The scientists and free thinkers were tortured. This was the fate of Copernicus, Galileo, Bruno and others. However, side by side, science gained ground.

Questions:

- What are the reasons for the worshipping of nature by man?
  - The Holy Scriptures advocated the worshipping of the forces of nature.
  - The worship elevates and liberates the human spirit and mind.
  - The worship makes man believe in faith and intuition.
  - Forces of nature teach man spiritualism
- According to the passage, science and religion, both .....
  - emerged out of the fear of man.
  - emerged from the desire of man to worship the forces of nature.
  - employed different methods of enquiry.
  - worked at the cross-purpose of each other.
- The sole objective of the authors of the Holy Scriptures is -----
  - to teach man the methods of worshipping nature.
  - to educate and raise the human spirit and mind.
  - to develop harmony between external nature and the inner self
  - none of these.

4. According to the passage, at the present scenario, there is a need to -----
- free man from all sorts of bondages.
  - judiciously mix the principles of science and the true spirit of religion.
  - teach people to worship the forces of nature.
  - encourage spiritualism as much as possible.

5. The meaning of the sentence "Science emerged as a saviour of mankind" is -----
- Science takes recourse to progressive march towards perfection.
  - Science is inclined towards reason and rationality.
  - Man was bound in chains by religious orthodoxy.
  - The free thinkers and the enlightened men were tortured.

B. Write a précis of the following passage: (5 marks)

Coffee is traditionally grown in Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu in India. It is predominantly an export-oriented commodity and 65% to 70% of the coffee produced in the country is exported, while the rest is consumed within the country. In the international market, Indian Robusta is highly preferred for its good blending quality. Arabica coffee from India is also well received in the international market. Coffee is an export product with low import intensity and high employment content. This is evident from the fact that more than six lakh persons are directly employed and an equal number of individuals get indirect employment from this sector. Arabica is a mild coffee, but the beans are more aromatic; it has a higher market value compared to Robusta beans.

On the other hand, Robusta has more strength and is therefore used in making various blends. Arabica is grown in higher altitudes than Robusta. The cool and equable temperature, ranging between 15°C and 25°C, is suitable for Arabica, while for Robusta, a hot and humid climate with temperature ranging from 20°C to 30°C is suitable. Arabica requires more care and nurture and is more suitable for large holdings, whereas Robusta is suitable irrespective of the size of the farm. Arabica is susceptible to pests and diseases such as White Stem Borer, leaf rust, and requires more shade than Robusta. The harvest of Arabica takes place between November and January, while for Robusta, it is from December to February.

C. Write for and against on any one of the topics in about 300 words: (5 marks)

- Cash Vs Digital money
- Humans are more dependent on computers and mobile phones.

D. Write an expository essay on any one of the following in about 350 words: (7 marks)

- Today's patriotism
- The role of youth in politics.

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