

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2018
(Fifth Semester)
Branch - ENGLISH

CORE ELECTIVE -1 ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION - A

I A) In the following passage, you will find some blank spaces numbered. You are given a choice of three words marked a, b and c against numbers below the passage. Choose the best alternative to fill in the blanks. (3 marks)

The teacher reproached the (1) for getting such a low mark in his subject. The Student (2) himself with a sense of humor. Though the teacher was angry she appreciated his sense of humor. She (3) him to do better next time.

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| 1. (a) boy | (b) girl (c) student |
| 2. (a) explained | (b) justified (c) replied |
| 3. (a) asked | (b) advised (c) ordered |

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 run parallel to that of the capitalized pair. (2 marks)

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| 1. BEAUTICIAN | PARLOUR |
| a) Chef | Knife |
| b) Dog | Bark |
| c) Singer | Choir |
| d) Mechanic | Garage |
| 2. FISH | AQUARIUM |
| a) Labourer | Spade |
| b) Heart | Cardiologist |
| c) Horse | Neigh |
| d) Grain | Granary |

C) Select a word which is similar in meaning to the words given: (2 marks)

1) SYNOPSIS

- (a) discussion (b) report (c) preview (d) summary

2) EQUILIBRIUM

- (a) turmoil (b) disarray (c) balance (d) danger

D) Select a word which is opposite in meaning to the words given: (2 marks)

1) POTENTIAL

- (a) illegal (b) impossible (c) powerless (d) unsuccessful

2) AMBIGUITY

- (a) extent (b) success (c) clarity (d) normality

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L) Identify the four wrong spelt words among the words given: (2 marks)

- 1) Puplish 2) Reluctant 3) Shallow 4) Tasty 5) Temperary 6) Zeal

F) Make acceptable words form each group of letters given: (2 marks)

- 1) MSSAITUHEN 2)IYTPSPORER 3)GEULIOPE 4)ARTHSEOCR

G) Generate four words by prefixing or suffixing the following words:

(2 marks)

- 1) Bishop 2) Cycle 3) Act 4) Victim

H) Identify the word that could best replace the underlined word without the change of meaning: (2 marks)

1) The Dollar exchange rate fluctuates daily.

- a) increases b) changes c) stabilizes d) decreases

2) In his statement to the press, the administrator was consistently equivocal,

- a) ambiguous b) reasonable c) friendly d) frank

3) The Police had to use tear gas to disperse the crowd.

- a) scatter b) broadcast c) mobilize d) outspread

4) Saravanan's father reprimanded him for his extravagance.

- a) commended b) lauded c) admonished d) eschewed

I) In the following sentences an idiom or a phrase is underlined. Pick out the correct meaning of the idiom or phrase from the answer choice given:

(3-marks)

1) Our school is within a stone's throw of the railway station,

- a) very far-off b) with a certain radius
c) at a short distance d) within a definite circumstance

2) The Child pulled a long face when the sweets were over.

- a) looks disappointed b) feels good c) retreats d) runs away

3) Her stealthy movements gave rise to suspicion.

- a) created b) destroyed c) ended d) completed

4) Sita usually gets worked up before examinations.

- a) excited b) disappointed c) exhausted d) satisfied

J) Each of the following sentences is given four possible substitutions for the underlined part. Pick out the substitution which best improves the sentence.

(^ -marks)

1) The arrow pierced in the body,

- a) by b) through c) between d) into

2) It happened during they were away,

- a) at b) in c) while d) on

3) He cured for small-pox.

- a) by b) of c) with d) from

4) I shall have no time by next Sunday,

- a) until b) for c) on d) in

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10. If I was you I would not like to attend his marriage. No Error.
1 2 3 4 5
11. Many a great men has visited this place of historical importance. No Error.
1 2 3 4 5
12. As soon as the bell rang the students entered the hall and write their
1 2 3 4
examination. No Error.
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13. Radha is coming to the office regularly unlike Sadhana. No Error.
1 2 3 4 5
14. She was elected as president of the college union by the students. No Error.
1 2 3 4 5
15. People above sixty-five years is considered senior citizens. No Error.
1 2 3 4 5

SECTION - B**A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow (15 marks)**

Our opportunities are great, but let me warn you that when power outstrips ability, we will fall on evil days. We should develop competence and ability which would help us utilize the opportunities which are now are open to us. From tomorrow morning - from midnight today - we cannot throw the blame on the britisher. We have to assume the responsibility ourselves for what we do. A free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man in the matter of food, clothing, shelter and social activities. Unless we destroy corruption in high places and root out every trace of nepotism, love of power, profiteering and black marketing which have spoiled the good name of this country in recent times, we will not be able to raise the standards of efficiency in administration as well as in the production and distribution of the necessary goods of life.

1. Opportunities could be best utilized by
 - a. Developing competence and ability
 - b. Enforcement of authority
 - c. Freedom
 - d. Over-riding others.
2. "When power outstrips ability, we will fall on evil days." Here fall on evil days means
 - a. do evil things
 - b. **let others do evil things to you**
 - c. **suffer hardship**
 - d. be at enmity with others.
3. "Unless we destroy corruption in high places and root out every trace of Nepotism". Here Nepotism means
 - a. Stop somebody from doing something
 - b. Giving of special favour to one's relations
 - c. Giving something on the basis of merit
 - d. None of the above.
4. "A free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man. Here free India means
 - a. assuming the responsibility for what we do
 - b. blaming the britishers
 - c. do whatever we like.
 - d. Corruption, nepotism, profiteering and black-marketing.

5. "Production and distribution of the necessary goods of life".
- a. necessary means of life
 - b. wares of life
 - c. odds and ends of life
 - d. good virtues of life

B) Write a precise of the following:

(5 marks)

One of India's greatest living for ever musicians is M. S. Subbulakshmi, affectionally known to most people as M.S. Her singing has brought joy to millions of people not only in all parts of our country, but in other countries round the world as well. In October 1996. M.S. was invited to sing in the great hall of the general assembly of the united nations in New York, where representatives of all the member countries listened. This was one of the greatest honors ever given to any musician. For several hours M.S. kept the audience spell-bound with the beauty of her voice and her style of singing. When the concert was over, the entire audience stood up and clapped as a sign of their appreciation of the great singer and the great music that she had carried with her from an ancient land.

C) Write for and against on any ONE of the following in about 300 words (in two paragraphs)

(5 marks)

- 1) Impact of Science on the Modern Life.
- 2) Privatization - is it Inevitable?

D) Write an expository essay involving all its mechanics on any ONE of the following in about 350 words:

(7 marks)

- 1) Students and Social Service.
- 2) India's contribution to the unity of the world.

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