

Faculties of Arts, Commerce, Science, Management & Social Science

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Subject: General English

Paper - III

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

PART – A (5 x 4 = 20 Marks)

Answer any FIVE of the following.

1. Answer as directed.
 - a) This is not an exhaustive list of antonyms. (Give the synonym of the underlined word).
 - b) When the army advances, the enemy _____. (Give the antonym of the underlined word).
 - c) He came _____ the room. (Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition).
 - d) This cloth is inferior than that. (Correct the sentence).
2. Answer as directed.
 - a) I have to stop on the way fill my car with gas. (Replace the underlined American English word with a British word).
 - b) In the UK, you wear trousers; in the US, you wear _____. (Fill in the blank with appropriate word in American English).
 - c) An application for the new job was sent by her. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with "She ...").
 - d) The student wrote an interesting story. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with "An interesting story...").
3. Answer as directed.
 - a) My boss called back the meeting because of heavy rain. (Correct the particle in the underlined phrasal verb).
 - b) She takes off her father. Both love to read books. (Correct the particle in the underlined phrasal verb).
 - c) Each one of those books ____ (is/are) a classic. (Fill in the blank with correct form of the verb given in brackets.)
 - d) Here is my car keys. (Correct the verb form).
4. Answer as directed.
 - a) The idiom "to see red" means _____.
 - b) The idiom "no bed of roses" means _____.
 - c) _____ (Although/In spite of) we started late, we still arrived in time. (Choose the appropriate connective.)
 - d) It's very hot. Turn on the air conditioner. (Combine the two sentences into one using an appropriate connective.)
5. Answer as directed.
 - a) To 'hammer out a deal' is to _____ (reach/come across) a deal. (Choose the appropriate option).
 - b) The term used to describe sensational news reporting is _____ (yellow journalism/ trial balloons.) (Choose the appropriate option).

- c) They wanted to know what was my name? (Correct the sentence).
 d) My sister said, "I don't like sugar in my coffee." (Change into reported speech).

6. Answer the following:

- a) "O why lament its fall?" Whose fall is Bronte referring to in the poem "Life"?
 b) According to Bronte's "Life", why should we not lose hope?
 c) What was the 'mistake' of the aerial messenger in the story "A Wrong Man in Workers' Paradise"?
 d) In "A Wrong Man in Workers' Paradise," what did the girl do after taking home the painted pitcher?

7. Answer the following:

- a) In the poem "Punishment in Kindergarten", why was the speaker called a peculiar girl?
 b) Who was the "blue-frosted woman" in the poem "Punishment in Kindergarten"?
 c) According to R.K. Narayan, which country has given up formalism in the use of English?
 d) Who, according to R.K. Narayan, has used English so far in India?

8. Answer the following:

- a) In "As I Grew Older", what does Hughes compare his dream to?
 b) What made Hughes forget his dream?
 c) What, according to Ambedkar, is social democracy?
 d) What according to Ambedkar are the "two things" that are completely absent in the Indian society?

PART – B (5 x 12 = 60 Marks)

Answer the following in about 300 words each.

9. a. Explain the attitude to life that Charlotte Bronte recommends in the poem "Life".

OR

b. Discuss Tagore's use of irony in "A Wrong Man in Workers' Paradise".

10. a. What was the punishment given to the girl in "Punishment in Kindergarten"?

Why did she consider it a punishment?

OR

b. How and when, according to Narayan, will a Bharat brand of English emerge in India?

11.a. Bring out the central idea of the poem "As I Grew Older".

OR

b. What, according to Dr. Ambedkar, are the three things that India must do in order to remain a democracy?

12. a. Write a discursive essay on "True Friendship".

OR

b. Write an argumentative essay on the topic "Advertisements benefit the manufacturer, not the customer".

13. a. Write a progress report on your collection of data about school dropouts in the colonies around your college.

OR

b. Write a media report on: Students take out a rally in support of boycotting boycotts.