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First Semester

B.A. English Literature and Communication Studies (Two Main)

GRAMMAR AND CONVERSATIONAL SKILLS

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

Answer **all** *questions from this section (1 to 10).*

Each question carries 1 mark.

Correct the following sentences :

1. The educated always like reading.
2. You may either have an apple or an orange.
3. The speaker explained the committee his proposals.
4. She is quite older than me.
5. Children are forbidden from smoking.

Fill in the blanks with suitable propositions :

6. Let us congratulate you _____ your success.
7. The visitors arrived in New Delhi _____ their own plane.
8. We rushed _____ the hill.
9. The fisherman crossed the channel _____ a small boat.
10. The old man is sitting _____ an armchair.

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any **eight** *of the following questions.*

Each question carries 2 marks.

Rewrite as directed :

11. Change into Passive voice :

    (a) People must not leave umbrellas in the hall.

    (b) He will have completed the work by April.

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12. Rewrite into complex sentences :

    (a) He saved the child at the risk of his life.

    (b) Not feeling well, he decided to lie down.

13. Insert the correct tense of verb in the following :

    (a) He finished first though he _____ (begin) late.

    (b) I forgive you since you _____ (repent).

14. Insert articles wherever necessary :

    (a) Scheme failed for want of support.

    (b) March is third month of year.

15. Combine the following pairs of sentences by making use of a participle :

    (a) He seized his stick. He rushed to the door.

    (b) We met a man. He was carrying a log of wood.

16. Analyse the following sentences :

    (a) Wounds made by words are hard to heal.

    (b) The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

17. Change into Direct speech :

    (a) He asked me if I would accompany him.

    (b) Hari asked Rama if he had read the letter.

18. Turn the following into Indirect speech :

    'Cheer up mother, I'll go and get work somewhere', said Jack.

19. Supply the correct tag :

    (a) None of them attended the meeting.

    (b) Close the window immediately.

20. Change the degree :

    (a) Prevention is better than cure.

    (b) W.B. Yeats is one of the greatest English poets.

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable relative pronouns :

    (a) Most people get _____ they deserve.

    (b) Here is the pen _____ you lost.

22. Change into active voice :

    (a) The telegraph wires have been cut.

    (b) The question will be discussed at the meeting tomorrow.

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

Answer any **six** *of the following questions.*
Each question carries 4 *marks.*

23. Write a letter to you friend describing a magic performance.
24. Write a paragraph on the influence of T.V. Channels on youth.
25. Write a dialogue between your and your friend on the pleasures and perils of speed.
26. Expand the proverb into a paragraph. Necessity is the mother of invention.
27. Write a paraphrase of the following stanza :

    "Now the golden morn aloft
    Waves her dew-bespangled wing,
    With vermile cheek and whisper soft
    She woos the tardy spring".

28. Write a short note on the rules of conversation.
29. What are the word formation clusters? Give examples.
30. What is an adverb? What are the different types?
31. What is concord? Give examples.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

Answer any **two** *of the following in* 300 *words each.*
Each question carries 15 *marks.*

32. Write an essay on 'Drug Abuse'.
33. Prepare a C.V. for applying for the post of an editor in a weekly.
34. Write a group discussion with four participants on the pros and cons of modern technology.
35. Write a report for an English newspaper on an accident you have witnessed.

(2 × 15 = 30)