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English

ENG 5D 01—ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

(2019 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

I. Answer the following in a sentence or two. 2 marks each :

- 1 Select the most appropriate synonym for the word 'skeptical' :

(a) Honest.	(b) Disappointed.
(c) Scared.	(d) Doubtful.
- 2 Select the most appropriate antonym for the word 'strict' :

(a) Pleasant.	(b) Indifferent.
(c) Open hearted.	(d) Lenient.
- 3 Cease to support or look after someone _____ ?
 (a) Banish. (b) Abandon.
 (c) Nullify. (d) Scrutinize.
- 4 Find out the correct meaning of the idiomatic expression 'a piece of cake' from the given options :

(a) Something very difficult.	(b) Something that will never happen.
(c) Something very easy.	(d) Something that is inexpensive.
- 5 Choose the correct spelling :

(a) Dificient.	(b) Deficient.
(c) Defecient.	(d) Defisient.

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6 Fill the blanks with appropriate preposition : My younger brother is good _____ Mathematics ?

- (a) In.
- (b) With.
- (c) On.
- (d) At.

7 Fill the blanks with articles if needed :

I have only _____ hour to complete the exam.

8 Add a question tag : He's got a camera, _____ ?

9 Punctuate the following :

Spenser the great english poet lived in the time of queen elizabeth

10 Use the correct form of the verb : I am tired of _____ here. (work)

11 Replace the underlined word with an appropriate phrasal verb.

You may continue with your work.

12 Complete the collocation in the following sentence :

The business turned to be highly _____

(Ceiling - 20 marks)

II. Answer the following in a paragraph. 5 marks each :

13 What is a Noun ? Explain the major classifications of nouns.

14 What are the different types of sentences ?

15 Explain declarative and interrogative sentence.

16 Correct the following sentences :

(a) Forty thousand are an average starting salary for a computer science graduate.

(b) Neither my mother nor my sisters is coming to visit me this summer.

17 Change into passive voice :

(a) The mason is building the wall.

(b) The head of the organization will run the project.

18 Rearrange the words or phrases given below to make meaningful sentences.

- (a) always / she / goes / summer / in the / beach / to the /
- (b) of mankind / the habit / reading is / one of / resources / of / the greatest

19 Change into reported speech :

- (a) "I know her address," said Sreeram.
- (b) Kabir said, "My master is writing letters."

(Ceiling - 30 marks)

III. Answer any *one* of the following. 10 marks :

20 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

I have talked of the necessity for prayer, and I have dealt with the essence of prayer. We are born to serve our fellow men, and cannot properly do so unless we are wide awake. There is an external struggle raging in man's breast between the powers of darkness and of light, and he, who has not the sheet anchor of prayer to rely upon, will be a victim to the powers of darkness.

The man of prayer will be at peace with himself and with the whole world: the man who goes about the affairs of the world, without a prayerful heart, will be miserable and will make the world also miserable.

Apart, therefore, from its bearing, on man's condition after death prayer has incalculable value for man in this world of living. We, inmates of the ashram, who came here in search of truth and for insistence on truth, professed to believe in the efficacy of prayer, but had never up to now, made it a matter of vital concern. We did not bestow on it the care that we did on other matters. I awoke from my slumber one day and realized that I had been woefully negligent on my duty in the matter. I have, therefore suggested a measure of stern discipline, and far from being any the worse, I hope, we are the better for it, it is so obvious.

- a) What kind of struggle is raging in man's heart ?
- b) Why, according to the author, are we born ?
- c) Why do the inmates come to the Ashram ?
- d) Who will become the victim to the powers of darkness ?

Turn over

21 Arrange the sentences A, B, C, D and E to form a logical sequence and to construct a coherent paragraph :

- A Both had large families with many sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.
- B While Morris owned the largest jewellery shop in the village, Mike was a poor farmer.
- C One fine day, Mike, tired of not being able to feed his family, decided to leave the village and move to the city where he was certain to earn enough to feed everyone.
- D Mike and Morris lived in the same village.
- E Along with his family, he left the village for the city. At night, they stopped under a large tree.

(10 marks)