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English

ENG 5D 01—ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

(2019 Admission onwards)

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 'adulterated'

(a) Combined.	(b) Fused.
(c) Contaminated.	(d) Concentrated.
- 2 Select the most appropriate antonym for the word 'provoke'.

(a) Encourage.	(b) Beckon.
(c) Appease.	(d) Stimulate.
- 3 A Government run by a dictator is termed _____.

(a) Autocracy.	(b) Democracy.
(c) Oligarchy.	(d) Theocracy.
- 4 Find out the correct meaning of the idiomatic expression 'to burn one's fingers' from the given options :

(a) Get into trouble.	(b) Burn oneself.
(c) Get insulted.	(d) Get rebuked.
- 5 Choose the correct spelling :

(a) Committee.	(b) Committee
(c) Committee.	(d) Committey
- 6 Fill the blanks with an appropriate preposition :

Eggs are sold _____ the dozen.

(a) at.	(b) to.
(c) by.	(d) in
- 7 Fill the blanks with articles, if needed :

I go to Madurai by _____ Vaigai Express.

Turn over

8 Add a question tag :

All the passengers are safe.

9 Punctuate the following :

did you understand why I was upset asked my cousin.

10 Use the correct form of the verb :

If you help me, I _____ (finish) my work by 12 p.m.

11 Replace the underlined word with an appropriate phrasal verb.

That write up has some errors, please examine it.

12 Complete the collocation in the following sentence :

His mom is still hale and _____, and is living in Bronxville.

(Ceiling : 20 marks)

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

13 What are the three basic structure? of English sentences ? Give examples for each.

14 Explain passive voice.

15 Explain reported speech.

16 Correct the following sentences :

(a) He invited me for dinner,

(b) Sitting on the wall, a scorpion bit him.

17 Change into passive voice :

(a) Teacher asked me a tough question.

(b) Bring the man here.

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

(a) they / in the hall / for / two hours, / watching / had been / television.

(b) blessings / you / all / on / may / showered / be.

19 Change into reported speech :

(a) I said to him, 'Why don't you work hard ?'

(b) He said to her, 'What, a hot day !'

(Ceiling : 30 marks)

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

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

- (A) With the passage of time, vices become more apparent and virtues become objects of jealousy and envy, thereby causing contempt and hatred in the hearts of each other.
- (B) They become familiar with not only strengths but also weaknesses of each other's characters.
- (C) Generally people think that familiarity should breed love, mutual understanding and tolerance.
- (D) They expect that coming together of two persons should bring them closer and forge the bond of kinship between them.
- (E) But when two persons come closer, they come to know not only strengths but also weaknesses of each other's character.

21 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

Erosion of America's farmland by wind and water has been a problem since settlers first put the prairies and grasslands under the plow in the nineteenth century. By the 1930s, more than 282 million acres of farmland were damaged by erosion. After 40 years of conservation efforts, soil erosion has accelerated due to new demands placed on the land by heavy crop production. In the years ahead, soil erosion and the pollution problems it causes are likely to replace petroleum scarcity as the nation's most critical natural resource problem.

- (a) What are the two means of soil erosion in America ?
- (b) What was the extent of soil erosion in the 1930s ?
- (c) Why did the soil conservation efforts fail ?
- (d) How is America going to be affected by soil erosion in the coming years ?

(10 marks)