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PART II - ENGLISH
General English III
(For those who joined in July 2024 onwards)

Time : 3Hours **Maximum : 75 Marks**

PART – A (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

Choose the correct answer :

CO:1 K:1 1. Wangari Maathai was awarded the Nobel Prize in the year ____.
(a) 2002 (b) 2003
(c) 2004 (d) 2005

CO:1 K:1 2. Listening makes people feel ____.
(a) Special (b) Confusion
(c) depress (d) Sad

CO:2 K:1 3. The speaker in *Telephone Conversation* is looking for ____.
(a) A job (b) A house
(c) A hotel (d) A school

CO:2 K:1 4. Bacon begins the essay *Of Friendship* by invoking the classical authority of ____ on basic human nature.
(a) Aristotle (b) Plato
(c) Socrates (d) Eugenius

CO:3 K:2 5. In *Leisure,* Nature is compared to a _____.
(a) Dancing woman (b) Playing woman
(c) Jumping woman (d) Singing woman

CO:3 K:1 6. The 'Mongy Monster' represents _____.
(a) Success (b) Happiness
(c) Anxiety (d) Friendship

CO:4 K:3 7. I need to _____ some money for our vacation.
(a) Save up (b) Save on
(c) Save out (d) Save to

CO:4 K:1 8. The running water is clear. – Identify the present participle in the sentence.

(a) Water (b) Clear
(c) running (d) Is

CO:5 K:2 9. Which phrase indicates that a place in nearby?

(a) A long way from here (b) Far away
(c) Across the country (d) Just around the corner

CO:5 K:2 10. Picture description mainly involves ____ a picture.

(a) Ignoring (b) Observing
(c) Copying (d) Drawing

PART – B (5 × 5 = 25 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 250 words.

CO:1 K:4 11. (a) How does poverty influence the lives of Jim and Della?

(OR)

(b) 'Brilliant performers are brilliant listeners' – Discuss.

CO:2 K:4 12. (a) Contrast the character of the landlady with the speaker in *Telephone Conversation.*

(OR)

(b) What does the poem's title *Still I Rise* suggest?

CO:3 K:4 13. (a) Discuss *Leisure* as a criticism of modern man's busy lifestyle.

(OR)

(b) Why did Jamell want Ahmed to be a fortune- teller?

CO:4 K:1 14. (a) Match the Idioms with their meanings.

1. Once in a blue moon – a. Endure a difficult situation
2. Let the cat out of the bag – b. Good luck
3. Piece of cake – c. Something happens very rarely
4. Break a leg – d. Something is very easy
5. Bite the bullet – e. Reveal a secret

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate modal verb.

1. Lisa ____ speak French fluently.
2. We ____ not waste our time.
3. My mother _____ tell me moral stories.
4. _____ I take the train or the bus to get to the airport on time?
5. You ____ feel better if you take some rest.

(used to, must, can, should, will)

CO:5 K:6 15. (a) Prepare a dialogue introducing your friend, who is good at sports, to your classmates

(OR)

(b) **Read the passage and answers the following.**

Many people believe that success depends only on intelligence. However, research shows that qualities such as perseverance, discipline, and emotional intelligence are equally important. A highly intelligent person may fail without consistent effort, while an average student who works hard often achieves remarkable success. Therefore, success is not determined by talent alone but by the effective use of one's abilities and a positive attitude.

1. According to the passage, an average student can succeed if he/she:
   a) Is naturally talented b) Avoids challenges
   c) Depends only on intelligence d) Works consistently
2. Which statement best summarizes the passage?
   a) Intelligence is the only key to success.
   b) Hard work and attitude are as important as intelligence.
   c) Success comes through luck.
   d) Average students cannot succeed.
3. The author suggests that talent without effort may lead to:
   a) Guaranteed success b) Fame c) Failure d) Wealth
4. The tone of the passage is:
   a) Informative b) Humorous c) Critical d) Emotional
5. According to the passage, success depends only on intelligence.
   a) True b) False

PART – C (5 × 8 = 40 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).
Answer should not exceed 500 words.

CO:1 K:4 16. (a) Explain how O' Henry uses irony and surprise ending in the story *The Gift of the Magi*?

(OR)

(b) Discuss Wangari Maathai's *Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech* as a call for environmental protection and social justice.

CO:2 K:4 17. (a) How does Bacon glorify friendship in his essay *Of Friendship*

(OR)

(b) How does Maya Angelou make use of irony in the poem *Still I Rise?*

CO:3 18. (a) Describe the battle between the speaker and the Anxiety Monster.

K:2

(OR)

(b) How did luck and chance contribute to Ahmed's success as a fortune-teller?

CO:4 19. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate auxiliary verb.

K:3

1. India _____ many states. (has/ have)
2. The moon _____ shining brightly. (are / is)
3. We _____ go to the museum tomorrow. (shall/ are)
4. Sita _____ agree this idea. (don't / doesn't)
5. Strong winds _____ blowing. (is / are)
6. I don't _____ to work on Sunday. (have /has)
7. I _____ playing with firecrackers. (do / am)
8. What do you _____ now? (do / did)

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable Gerund or Infinitive form of the verbs given in brackets.

1. Mala enjoys _____ (read) novels in her leisure time.
2. Ravi decided _____ (learn) a new language.
3. They agreed _____ (complete) the project on time.
4. _____ (Exercise) regularly is good for your health.
5. The teacher asked the students _____ (sit) quietly.
6. The students hope _____ (pass) the examination with good marks.
7. Muthu is good at _____ (play) the piano.
8. The students practised ____ (speak) English every day.

CO:5 20. (a) Draft a formal invitation to the chief guest for your College Day celebration.

K:6

(OR)

(b) A media company has advertised a vacancy for the post of social media executive. Write a suitable job application letter to the company.