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Third Semester
PART II - ENGLISH
General English III
(For those who joined in June 2025 onwards)

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

PART – A (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

Choose the correct answer :

CO:1 K:1 1. In "The Gift of the Magi", Della sells her _____ to buy a Christmas gift for Jim.

(a) Necklace (b) Hair

(c) Ring (d) Dress

CO:1 K:2 2. According to Robin Sharma, effective listening requires us to _____.

(a) Interrupt frequently (b) Avoid eye contact

(c) Give full attention (d) Prepare our reply while listening

CO:2 K:1 3. In "Telephone Conversation", the speaker's experience exposes _____.

(a) Economic inequality (b) Racial prejudice

(c) Political corruption (d) Generational conflict

CO:2 K:2 4. Francis Bacon's essay "Of Friendship" published in the year_____.

(a) 1600 (b) 1612

(c) 1610 (d) 1625

CO:3 K:1 5. In "Leisure", W. H. Davies criticises a life that is too _____.

(a) Adventurous (b) Religious

(c) Hurried (d) Imaginative

CO:3 K:2 6. The "Anxiety Monster" mainly represents _____.

(a) Physical illness (b) Fear and excessive worry

(c) Academic success (d) Social celebration

CO:4 K:1 7. Which of the following is a phrasal verb?

(a) Quickly (b) Give up

(c) Honesty (d) Beautiful

CO:4 K:2 8. In the sentence "She enjoys reading novels", the word "reading" is a _____.

(a) Finite verb (b) Gerund

(c) Modal (d) Participle

CO:5 K:1 9. You _____ obey the rules of the institution.

(a) Might (b) Must

(c) Could (d) Would

CO:5 K:2 10. The main purpose of a welcome address is to _____.

(a) Narrate a story (b) Introduce the gathering

(c) Conduct an examination (d) Conclude a programme

PART – B (5 × 5 = 25 Marks)

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

Answer should not exceed 250 words.

CO:1 K:3 11. (a) Describe the circumstances that lead Jim and Della to sacrifice their most valuable possessions in "The Gift of the Magi".

(OR)

(b) Explain the importance of attentive listening in Robin Sharma's "Listening".

CO:2 K:4 12. (a) Explain how Maya Angelou expresses confidence and resilience in "And Still I Rise".

(OR)

(b) Write a short note on the value of friendship according to Francis Bacon.

CO:3 13. (a) Describe the nature of the "Anxiety Monster" and its effect on the individual.

K:3

(OR)

(b) Explain how "Leisure" encourages readers to appreciate nature and everyday life.

CO:4 14. (a) Make a meaningful sentence out of these idioms.

K:3

i) break the ice

ii) once in a blue moon

iii) hit the nail on the head

iv) spill the beans

v) under the weather

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable modal verbs.

i)It ____ rain this evening

ii) Mohan _____ paint artistically.

iii) Viyan _____ be at home; the lights are on.

iv) You_____ consult a doctor.

v) _____ you please help me with this assignment.

CO:5 15. (a) Explain the structure and purpose of a vote of thanks.

K:4

(OR)

(b) Prepare a welcome address for inauguration of a college literary association.

PART – C (5 × 8 = 40 Marks)

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

Answer should not exceed 500 words.

CO:1 16. (a) Assess "The Gift of the Magi" as a story of love, sacrifice and the true meaning of wealth.

K:3

(OR)

(b) Discuss Wangari Maathai's Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech as a call for environmental responsibility, and sustainable development.

CO:2 17. (a) Elucidate Francis Bacon's views on friendship and evaluate their relevance to human relationships today.

K:4

(OR)

(b) Critically examine the use of satire, irony and dialogue in Wole Soyinka's "Telephone Conversation" to expose racial

discrimination.

CO:3 K:5 18. (a) Narrate "The Forty Fortunes: A Tale of Iran" and discuss the moral or human values conveyed through the story.

(OR)

(b) Give a critical note on W. H. Davies' "Leisure" as a criticism of the hurried pace of modern civilisation.

CO:4 K:5 19. (a) Fill in the blank with appropriate modal auxiliaries.

i) You ___ obey the traffic rules.

ii) ___ I come in, sir?

iii) We ___ respect our elders.

iv) She ___ speak three languages when she was young.

v) It ___ rain tonight.

vi) You ___ not smoke in the hospital.

vii) ___ you please help me with this work?

viii) Students ___ submit their assignments before Friday.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blank with appropriate phrasal verbs.

i) The meeting was called ___ because of the heavy rain.

ii) Please look ___ the word in the dictionary.

iii) She takes ___ her mother in appearance.

iv) The police are looking ___ the matter.

v) He gave ___ smoking last year.

vi) The old man passed ___ peacefully last night.

vii) We should never look ___ the poor.

viii) The students carried ___ the experiment successfully.

CO:5 K:6 20. (a) Explain the techniques of reading comprehension and story development with hints, and assess their importance in developing communication skills.

(OR)

(b) Discuss the principles of effective listening while delivering or receiving speeches, with reference to famous personalities and public speaking