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English

Foundation Course – BASIC ENGLISH GRAMMAR

(For those who joined in July 2023 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Nouns are _____ types
(a) 5 (b) 8
(c) 2 (d) 9
2. A noun that denotes no one person or thing in particular, but is common is called _____
(a) Proper Noun (b) Common Noun
(c) Abstract noun (d) Material Noun

3. Identify the adjective in the sentence "Ramya is a brilliant girl".
(a) Brilliant (b) Girl
(c) Ramya (d) Is
4. The boy _____ lost his purse is crying. Use suitable 'relative pronoun'.
(a) Which (b) Whose
(c) That (d) Who
5. Identify the adverb in the sentence: "He came earlier to college."
(a) Came (b) Earlier
(c) College (d) He
6. The cat is found _____ the table. Use suitable 'preposition'.
(a) By (b) Under
(c) Into (d) Within
7. "I saw a lion." What kind of sentence is this?
(a) Simple sentence
(b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence
(d) It is not a sentence

8. "When he saw the tiger, he ran away." Identify the kind of sentence.
- Simple sentence
 - Complex sentence
 - Compound sentence
 - It is not a sentence
9. Identify the gerund in the following sentence: "Swimming is her favourite form of exercise."
- Favourite
 - Her
 - Swimming
 - Exercise
10. Choose the correct question tag for the statement: "You are coming to the party, _____?"
- are you?
 - aren't you?
 - do you?
 - don't you?

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL the questions. (Either (a) or (b) answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What are the types of nouns? Define with examples.
- Or
- (b) Attempt the following.
- In the sentence "The cat sat on the Windowsill," what is the subject?
 - Find the predicate in the sentence "She danced gracefully at the party."

- Construct a sentence with "Swimming in the ocean."
- Is "Laughing loudly" the subject or the predicate in the sentence?
- Complete the sentence: "The adventurous explorers _____".

12. (a) Write a short note on Pronouns.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on Adjectives.

13. (a) Describe Adverb.

Or

- (b) Explain the difference between coordinating and subordinating Conjunctions.

14. (a) Rewrite the following sentences in 'direct speech':

- She said that she was going to the store.
- He mentioned that they had visited Paris.
- They said that the concert had been fantastic.
- Mary explained that she had already read the book.
- She mentioned that she was planning to visit her grandparents next weekend.

Or

- (b) Write a note on simple and compound sentences.

15. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct interjection.

- (i) _____ The patient is resting.
- (ii) _____ It hurts.
- (iii) _____ My mother is sick.
- (iv) _____ My father's business has suffered a great loss.
- (v) _____ The world has lost him

Or

(b) Write a short on the functions of Question Tag.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL the questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write an essay on Sentence.

Or

(b) Write a note on nouns explaining its kinds with examples.

17. (a) Explain Adjectives and its kinds with suitable examples.

Or

(b) What are the types of pronouns? Explain.

18. (a) Discuss Auxiliary Verbs with examples.

Or

(b) Write a detailed essay on Prepositions.

19. (a) Explain the rules to transform a simple sentence into complex sentence.

Or

(b) (i) Change the following direct speech sentences into indirect speech:

- (1) "I love pizza," said Ravi.
- (2) "She is coming to the party," said Ramya.
- (3) "We have completed the project," they announced.
- (4) "She will call you later," Rishika promised.

(ii) Rewrite the following sentences in direct speech:

(1) Suganya told me that she was going to the store.

(2) Priya mentioned that they had visited Paris.

(3) They said that the concert had been fantastic.

(4) Priyanka explained that she had already read the book.

20. (a) Explain the forms and functions of infinitives.

Or

(b) Distinguish between Present and Past Participles.
