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First Semester

English

Foundation Course — BASIC ENGLISH GRAMMAR

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Which of the following is a common noun?
 - (a) India
 - (b) TajMahal
 - (c) Doctor
 - (d) Ganga

2. Choose the correct predicate in the sentences

"The odd man walks slowly in the park every morning"

- (a) old man
- (b) walks slowly in the past every morning
- (c) walks slowly
- (d) every morning

3. Which of the following is the adjective of number?

- (a) some (b) several
- (c) third (d) any

4. Which of the following is an interrogative pronoun?

- (a) who (b) his
- (c) few (d) several

5. Identify the auxiliary verb - "We have been waiting for an hour"

- (a) have (b) waiting
- (c) for (d) hour

6. Choose the adverb of time : "He arrived late for the meeting"

- (a) he (b) arrived
- (c) late (d) meeting

7. A complex sentence must have _____

- (a) two independent clauses
- (b) one independent clause or one or more dependent class
- (c) two main verbs
- (d) only one clause

8. What happens to the verb when reporting a universal truth in indirect speech?

- (a) it changes to past tense
- (b) it remains in present tense
- (c) it changes to future tense
- (d) it is omitted

9. Identify the Gerund : "swimming is a great exercise"

- (a) is (b) a
- (c) great (d) swimming

10. Choose the correct question tag : "She is coming to the part. _____?"

- (a) doesn't she (b) isn't she
(c) wasn't she (d) does she

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Identify the gender of the underlined nouns

- (i) The lion roared in jungle.
(ii) The princess wore a beautiful dress.
(iii) My uncle is a doctor.
(iv) The bride looked gorgeous.
(v) The actor performed well in the play.

Or

(b) Define subject and predicate with suitable examples.

12. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate adjectives :

- (i) She bought a _____ dress for the party. (beautiful/much)

(ii) There are _____ apples in the basket. (two/many)

(iii) This is a _____ chair. (wooden/which)

(iv) _____ book is gaurs? (which/how)

(v) The movie was very _____ (existing/excited)

Or

(b) Define a pronoun and explain its importance in sentence construction with examples.

13. (a) Define auxiliary verbs and modal auxiliary verbs with examples

Or

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate interjections.

(i) _____! That was an excellent shot.

(ii) _____! I missed the train.

(iii) _____! That ice cream is too cold.

(iv) _____! I can't believe we finally met.

(v) _____! We are going on a trip.

14. (a) Identify the following sentences whether simple, compound or complex :

- (i) Although he was tired, he completed his work.
- (ii) She ran fast and won the race.
- (iii) The teacher explained the lesson clearly.
- (iv) We will go to the park if it doesn't rain.
- (v) He wanted to go home, but he had to stay longer.

Or

- (b) Define direct and indirect speeches with example.

15. (a) Explain how gerunds are used as subjects, objects, and complements with examples.

Or

- (b) Add appropriate question tags :

- (i) She is coming to the party, _____?
- (ii) You don't like coffee, _____?
- (iii) They have finished their work, _____?
- (iv) He can't swim, _____?
- (v) I am your best friend, _____?

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Identify the type of sentence.

- (i) The sun rises in the east.
- (ii) Where is the file?
- (iii) Alas! I failed the exam.
- (iv) Solar system has many moons
- (v) Who is the impersonator?
- (vi) Don't shut the door.
- (vii) Let us find a solution
- (viii) Wow! It's so beautiful.

Or

- (b) Define gender in nouns and explain its four types with example.

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17. (a) Define an adjective and explain its types with examples.

Or

- (b) Identify the pronouns and mention its type in the following sentences.
- (i) She gave me a wonderful gift.
 - (ii) This is the book I was looking for
 - (iii) Someone left their bag in the classroom.
 - (iv) The boy hurt himself while playing.
18. (a) Explain the difference in meaning between the following modal verbs with examples :
- (i) Can vs could
 - (ii) May vs Might
 - (iii) Shall vs Will
 - (iv) Must vs Have to

Or

- (b) Define a conjunction and explain its types examples.

19. (a) Combine the following sentence as instructed
→ Convert into simple sentence

- (i) He worked hard. He passed the exam.
- (ii) The sun was hot. We stayed indoor.

→ Convert into complex sentence

- (iii) The weather was bad, but we went for a picnic.
- (iv) He was hungry, so he ate an apple.

Or

- (b) Convert the following sentences from direct to indirect speech.
- (i) He said, "I am very happy today"
 - (ii) The teacher said, "The Earth revolves around the sun "
- Convert the following sentences from indirect to direct speech.
- (iii) He asked me if I had seen his notebook.
 - (iv) He said he was feeling tired.

20. (a) Fill in the blanks with correct form (Gerund, participle, or infinitive)

- (i) He is fond of _____ (sing).
- (ii) She went to the market _____ (buy) vegetables.
- (iii) _____ (work) hard leads to success.
- (iv) The _____ (fall) leaves covered the ground.
- (v) They are planning _____ (visit) Europe.
- (vi) The _____ (dance) doll.
- (vii) I have _____ (go) to the school.
- (viii) _____ (joy) gives me happiness.

Or

(b) Discuss the role of interjection in spoken and written communication.
