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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
English Language and Communication Skills
Paper I

Time 1 Hour] [Max. Marks 50

Note : All questions are compulsory. The blind students will be given 30 minutes extra time. University has all rights to change the distribution of marks.

1. Who is the poet of 'The Express' ?
   (a) Stephen Leacock (b) P. B. Shelley (c) William Blake (d) Stephen Splendor.
2. What is 'Plain Manifesto' according to the poet ?
   (a) Sound of Steam Engine (b) Sound of Pistons of the Train
   (c) Sound of the Whistle (d) Sound of Steam from the Train.
3. Mark Twain was nominated :
   (a) To become the President of United States.
   (b) To become the Governor of New York.
   (c) To run against Mr. John T Smith and Blank J Blank for the seat of Governor of New York.
   (d) To run against Mr. John T Smith.
4. What is the main cause of anxiety for the narrator when entering a bank ?
   (a) The bank's architecture (b) The bank clerks and wickets
   (c) The manager's stern demeanor (d) The weight of his money.
5. The poem "The World is Too Much With Us" is written by :
   (a) John Keats (b) William Blake
   (c) William Wordsworth (d) Percy B Shelley.
6. The glide of the train is compared to :
   (a) Walk of a Queen (b) Movement of Ship
   (c) Movement of a Plane (d) Movement of a Bus.
7. To whom have people given their heart, as per the poem "The World is Too Much With Us" ?
   (a) Watching Movies (b) Playing Cricket
   (c) Heros and Heroines (d) Materialistic Pursuits.
8. As per 'The Express', how do the houses appear when the train passes through ?
   (a) Modest (b) Indifferent (c) Bowing to the Train (d) Sleeping.
9. How did the grandmother respond to Mark Twain's letter ?
   (a) Grandmother said that he must run for the Governor.
   (b) Grandmother said that she was not happy to know it.
   (c) Grandmother said that I was lowering my social prestige and risking it.
   (d) Grandmother said that a person like me did not deserve to run for Governor.
10. How does the manager react when the narrator (Stephen Leacock) requests to speak with him alone?
    (a) He seems eager and friendly (b) He appeared alarmed and curious
    (c) He becomes suspicious and defensive (d) He ignore the request.
11. What does the poet mean by up-gathered sleeping flowers ?
    (a) People sleep too much.
    (b) Unhappy people have formed a crowd.
    (c) People can be seen in crowds but without happiness and vigour.
    (d) People are sleeping and tired.

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12. Where does the train gain speed ?
(a) The Cemetery (b) The Open Countryside (c) The Gas Work (d) Phosphorous Hills.

13. According to newspaper, Mark Twain committed perjury in .....
(a) Cochin China (b) Cochin India (c) Cochin Taiwan (d) Cochin Japan.

14. How does the narrator respond when asked about the size of the account ?
(a) "Huge, like a tycoon's !" (b) "Fairly large, I suppose."
(c) "Small, but growing." (d) "It's none of your business."

15. Who is Proteus ?
(a) A sea god (b) An old man of the sea
(c) Merman (d) A sea god known as old man of the sea.

16. When does the train whistle ?
(a) When it reaches the countryside (b) When she crosses fields
(c) At each curve (d) When she crosses the graveyard.

17. Was grandfather of Blank J Blank hanged for highway robbery ?
(a) Yes, grandfather was hanged. (b) No, it was a fake news spread by a newspaper.
(c) Blank J Blank accepted that it was true. (d) Mark Twain spread false news.

18. Why do the bank clerks and the manager burst into laughter ?
(a) They find the narrator's appearance amusing. (b) They appreciate his sense of humour.
(c) They notice his anxiety and mistakes. (d) They believe he's a famous comedian.

19. What happens when the train crosses the tunnel ?
(a) It increases lights.
(b) It creates a deafening noise from brakes, bolts and machinery.
(c) It moves very smoothly.
(d) It moves very slowly.

20. Who is "Baron Rothschild" mentioned in the essay ?
(a) A Fictional Character (b) A Famous Detective
(c) A Wealthy Banker (d) A Government Official.

Read the passage and answer the following questions : (21 – 25)

There was a little boy called Varun who did not have any friends and nobody liked to play with him. His teachers also did not love him much and his parents were unhappy with him. Do you know, why ? It was because he was very short tempered and used to argue, use abusive language and get into fights with everyone.

One day, his mother gave him a board and some drawing pins. She told him that everytime he lost his temper and abused or fought with anyone, he was to go to his room and put a pin on the board. At the end of the month, his mother suggested that both of them check the board. The board was now full of pins. Varun's mother asked him, "Can you remove these pins ?" He did so. His mother told him gently, "See how many holes you have made on the board by sticking the pins. Each hole on the board represents someone you have hurt. You have made many holes in their hearts by your behaviour. Do you think you can repair all the hurt you have caused to so many people ?

Varun realised how much damage he had done to his friends, family and teachers, even to strangers and he resolved to change himself.

Questions :

21. Which behavioural problem was not annoying to Varun's parents ?
(a) Losing his temper (b) Abusive (c) Anger (d) Laziness.

22. What did each hole on the board represent ?
(a) Happiness (b) Depression (c) Hurt Feelings (d) Belongingness.

23. How can anger be controlled ?
(a) By fighting (b) By abusing (c) By deep breathing (d) By sleeping.

24. The suitable title for this passage is .....
(a) Angry Varun (b) Disciplined Varun (c) Happy Varun (d) Anger Management.

25. What message does the paragraph give ?
(a) We should be angry with everyone. (b) Anger affects our relationships.
(c) Anger has only ill-effects. (d) Anger is a natural reaction.

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Read the passage and answer the following questions : (26 – 30)

What is Soil ?

Soil is the loose layer of earth's surface. Plants, depend on soil. It holds them up. It provides them with food and water.

Soil is made of particles. These very small pieces mostly come from rocks broken down by weathering. Other soil particles come from rolling remains of plants and animals. The part of soil that comes from living things is called organic matter. Many small organisms live in soil. They include worms, bacteria and fungi. Fungi are like plants, but they aren't given. And they have no leaves, flowers and roots. The organisms feed on dead plants and animals. They cause them to decay or break down. The decayed plant and animal matter is called humus. Humus makes the soil dark. It provides the nutrients, plants need to grow.

Soil develops in layers. The top layer consists mostly of humus. It is called top soil. The next layer down is called subsoil. Subsoil contains more rock particles than top soil and less humus. It is not as good for growing plants. The layer below the subsoil has many pieces of rocks. The pieces get bigger when they are deeper in the ground. Most plants cannot grow in this rocky layer. The soil layers all rest on solid rock. It is called bedrock. There are many types of soil. Soil can be of many colours. They can also have different textures. Textures is the size of the particles that make up soil.

Clay is a type of soil with many small particles. The particles are packed together tightly. Clay can hold a lot of water, which makes it heavy and sticky. Sand has much larger particles than clay. It feels rough. There's a lot of air space between the particles, so water drains through this soil easily

Loam contains a mix of sand and clay. Loam is the best soil for growing plants. It lets just the right amount of water pass through for plant roots to take in.

Questions :

26. Name the material which provides nutrients for the formation of plants body ?
(a) Humus (b) Top Soil (c) Sub Soil (d) Rock Bed.

27. Which organism doesn't help the dead plants and animals to decay ?
(a) Bacteria (b) Fungi (c) Algae (d) Worms.

28. What is the most important factor that help in the formation of soil ?
(a) Lightning (b) Sunlight (c) Wind Currents (d) Thundering.

29. Where do we find micro organisms which help in the formation of humus ?
(a) Top Soil (b) Sub Soil (c) Rocks (d) Rock Bed.

30. Why can clay hold lots of water ?
(a) Its particle size is very small (b) Its particles have more soaking capacity
(c) Humus is present in the clay (d) Lots of air space is present between the particles.

Do as directed :

31. It's a three ..... house.
(a) story (b) storey (c) store (d) stroll.

32. Her handwriting's so bad that it's completely .....
(a) illegible (b) illiterate (c) legible (d) literate.

33. He managed to think of an ..... solution.
(a) ingenious (b) ingenuous (c) indigenous (d) inventive.

34. It is easy to give ....., but it's not so easy to take it.
(a) advice (b) advise (c) access (d) excess.

35. Before the bell rang, the class was ..... to go home.
(a) already (b) all ready (c) ready (d) readiness.

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36. Which of the following things can a 'porter' do at the airport ?
(a) Help you carry baggage (b) Help you board a plane
(c) Help you buy a suitcase (d) None of the above

37. You meet your friend at 1 pm. What would you say ?
(a) good morning (b) good afternoon (c) good night (d) good evening

38. You meet your new classmate and wonder about his name. What would you say ?
(a) When is your birthday ? (b) What is your name ?
(c) How do you do ? (d) How old are you ?

39. If you are really interested, I'm sure the chef will tell you the ..... of that dish.
(a) ingredients (b) contents (c) make-up (d) composition

40. We got very bad service today and had to ..... the waiter three times about the drinks.
(a) remember (b) order (c) reminder (d) remind

41. Your resume is a tool with one specific purpose :
(a) To get a job (b) To win an interview (c) To discuss salary (d) To know about work

42. Email is a reflection of :
(a) Designation and pride
(b) Professionalism, values, attention to detail
(c) Authority and status
(d) Nothing. It is used for getting work done.

43. The email font should be :
(a) Colourful and fancy.
(b) Black in colour, easy to read, with capital letters only where required.
(c) Bright colours, easy to read.
(d) Bold and all capital alphabets.

44. You can lead a horse to water, you cannot make him drink. (Define) :
(a) You are not able to make the horse drink water.
(b) **You are not able to do what you want.**
(c) **You try to help someone**, help them.
(d) You cannot force someone to accept your help or advice.

45. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. (Explain) :
(a) It is not good to be jealous to want what other people have.
(b) Grass is always green.
(c) Neighbour's garden grass is always green.
(d) Other side of the fence grass is protected well.

46. Strike while the iron is hot. (Explain) :
(a) The blacksmith strikes the iron when it is hot.
(b) Hot iron changes easily so strike it when it is hot.
(c) You should take advantage of the moment.
(d) Change is the rule of nature.

47. From the horse's mouth. (Explain) :
(a) To make to bear the sins of others.
(b) From an authoritative or dependable source.
(c) Take a subordinate position.
(d) Worried for frivolous things.

48. Take something with a pinch of salt. (Explain) :
(a) Believing something with a doubt.
(b) To keep people at a distance.
(c) To interfere in someone's affairs.
(d) To lose a sustained share / position.

49. The passenger was ..... upset at the taxi driver's rudeness.:
(a) quiet (b) quit (c) quite (d) quilt.

50. It is unusual that ..... not having a party next door.
(a) their (b) they're (c) there (d) there are.

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