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(Common for B.A./B.Sc. & Career Related Group 2(a) Courses)

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** the questions. Follow the instructions given in the brackets wherever needed.
1. The correct spelling of the word 'bailingual' is _____.
2. The antonym of 'alien' is _____.
3. Another word for 'penchant' is _____.
4. The noun form of 'observe' is _____.
5. This new shoes is very expensive. (Correct the sentence)
6. She _____ (go) to school since 2015. (Use the correct tense of the verb in brackets)
7. He injured him while working with a saw. (Underline the error)
8. _____ is the collection and study of postage stamps.

9. She eats mangoes, _____? (Complete the sentence with a question tag)
10. She tends to _____ people who haven't had the same qualifications. (Fill in the blanks with the phrasal verb which means "to treat someone not worthy of respect".)
- (a) look forward to
 - (b) look down upon
 - (c) look up to
 - (d) look back on

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight** of the following questions.

11. Provide one-word substitutes for any **two** of the phrases :
- (a) a solo speech or presentation by a speaker
 - (b) a written or multimedia account of one's experiences during journeys
 - (c) something said or done without any preparation
 - (d) cyber attack using deceptive emails or messages to obtain sensitive information
12. Give the antonyms of any **two** of the following words :
- (a) confidence
 - (b) escalating
 - (c) sagacious
13. Make sentences of your own with any **two** of the following phrasal verbs :
- (a) turn up
 - (b) smell a rat
 - (c) look forward to
 - (d) bring up

14. Choose the correct option from the brackets :
- (a) The plane will _____ in an hour, we need to hurry to the airport. (take up / take off)
- (b) They had to _____ the event due to bad weather. (call on / call off)
15. Fill in the blanks using a collective noun from those given below :
(fleet, group, collection, flock, fleet)
- (a) The _____ of musicians played a mesmerizing concert last night.
- (b) The naval base housed an impressive _____ of ships.
16. Fill in the blanks using the suitable degree of the adjective given in brackets :
- (a) This is the _____ cake I have ever tasted. (delicious)
- (b) This smartphone is _____ the latest model. (fast)

Correct the error in the words given in italics:

17. (a) Exercising has numerous *advantage* effects on both physical and mental well-being.
- (b) It is my *obliging* to complete the assigned tasks before the deadline.
18. (a) His *significance* contributions to the project played a crucial role in its success.
- (b) I won't tolerate any more excuses; get the job done or face *consequances*.
19. (a) I was upset by his *hostility* attitude.
- (b) Our goal is focused on *eradicate* hunger by supporting local food banks.
20. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from those given in brackets :

(dumped, accumulation, dust bins, indicates)

The plastic _____ 1 _____ inside the oceans _____ 2 _____ that our oceans are slowly becoming _____ 3 _____. A new study found that the waste _____ 4 _____ in oceans is increasing.

21. Read the paragraph and answer the questions given below :

Pet animals, like dogs and cats, contribute to the lives of their owners by providing companionship and joy, fostering deep connections that positively impact both the human and animal involved. Caring for these pets involves responsibilities such as feeding, grooming, and attending to their health needs, instilling a sense of commitment and imparting valuable life skills to their owners.

- (a) How do pet animals positively impact the lives of their owners?
- (b) What skills do pet owners gain from taking care of their animals?

22. Mental health is a crucial aspect of overall well-being, encompassing emotional, psychological, and social aspects of an individual's life. It involves maintaining a balance in one's thoughts, emotions, and behaviors, contributing to a positive and fulfilling life. Seeking support, fostering open conversations, and promoting self-care are essential components in addressing and nurturing mental health.

- (a) What is the meaning of the word 'fostering' as used in the paragraph?
- (b) What components are essential for addressing and nurturing mental health?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** of the following questions.

23. Fill in the blanks with the correct option :

- (a) They asked you to _____, didn't they? (accept it / accept to it)
- (b) His constant complaints were _____ everyone in the office. (irritating / inspiring)
- (c) She was a _____ scientist, widely recognized for her research in quantum physics. (eminent / distinguished)
- (d) Her professional _____ have positioned her as a leader in the field of environmental sustainability. (acknowledgements / achievements)

24. Fill in the blanks with suitable phrases from those given in brackets :

(bring up, come across, set up, take off, look into, run out, show up)

- (a) While cleaning the attic, I _____ an old photo album.
- (b) The detective promised to _____ the mysterious disappearance of the valuable artifact.
- (c) We need to go grocery shopping; we're about to _____ of essential items.
- (d) They decided to _____ a small business to sell handmade crafts online.

25. Correct the error in any **four** of the following sentences :

- (a) She don't like coffee, but she loves tea.
- (b) The meeting was schedule for 3:00 PM, but it got postponed.
- (c) Neither the teacher nor the students is aware of the upcoming exam.
- (d) Of the two brothers, he is the tallest.
- (e) His ability to adapt to new situations are one of his strongest qualities.

26. Correct the error in the section in italics in any **four** of the following sentences :

- (a) *What fantastic* movie that was!
- (b) Oh, *what adorable* those kittens are!
- (c) *How an impressive* your artwork turned out!
- (d) *What beautiful garden* you've created!
- (e) *How thrilling is it* to ride a roller coaster!

27. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns from those given in brackets :

(myself, it, it's, us, them, I, her, she, you, me, they)

A : I went to the shopping mall today. _____ bought a new laptop for _____.

B : I need a laptop too. Can you tell _____ more about _____? What brand did _____ get?

A : I chose a popular brand. _____ sleek. _____ have a good collection.

B : Thanks. I want to buy a new laptop for my friend on _____ birthday.

28. Correct the error in the sections in italics :

(a) Of the two boys, Jim is *the fastest*.

(b) She plays the piano *more skillfull than* anyone in the band.

(c) This is the *more worst* movie I've ever seen.

(d) She is not *as taller as* her friend.

29. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from those given in brackets :

(symptoms, encourage, presently, possibility, ailment, home, feeble, wished)

Tom lay thinking. _____ it occurred to him that he _____ he was sick; then he could stay _____ from school. Here was a vague _____. He canvassed his system. No _____ was found, and he investigated again. This time he thought he could detect colicky _____, and he began to _____ them with considerable hope. But they soon grew _____, and presently died wholly away.

30. Read the passage and answer the questions given below :

Big mountains, so amazing and old, have seen time passing and how people and societies change. The tall peaks, sometimes covered in mist or touched by the sun, get respect and make people dream. Mountains, with their rough landscapes and high points, feel both challenging and peaceful. They act like borders, keeping different environments safe for plants and animals used to tough conditions. As Earth's history keepers, mountains tell stories of crashes and weathering that made them beautiful for millions of years. These huge formations attract both adventurers and thinkers, giving a break in high places with fresh air and endless views, making us appreciate nature's wonders and strength.

- (a) What makes people dream?
- (b) Why are mountains considered to be challenging?
- (c) Define "history keepers."
- (d) Who are more fascinated towards mountains?

31. Read the passage and answer the questions given below :

The RMS Titanic, a British passenger liner, remains one of the most iconic and tragic stories in maritime history. On April 15, 1912, during its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City, the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in the North Atlantic Ocean. Despite being equipped with advanced safety features for its time, the ship could not withstand the impact, leading to the loss of more than 1,500 lives. The disaster exposed shortcomings in maritime safety practices and sparked significant changes in international regulations. The sinking of the Titanic has since captured the collective imagination, serving as a poignant reminder of the delicate balance between human innovation and the forces of nature.

- (a) What was the fate of the RMS Titanic during its maiden voyage in 1912?
- (b) What was the destination of the RMS Titanic during its maiden voyage?
- (c) What caused the sinking of the Titanic?
- (d) The word poignant means:
 - (i) touching
 - (ii) happy
 - (iii) unemotional
 - (iv) indifferent

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** of the following questions, choosing **one** from each group.

GROUP – A

32. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

Diego Maradona, widely regarded as one of the greatest footballers in history, left an indelible mark on the sport with his extraordinary skills and charismatic presence. Born in Argentina in 1960, Maradona's rise to football stardom began in his early teens when he joined the youth team of Argentinos Juniors. His exceptional dribbling abilities and vision on the field quickly caught the attention of scouts, leading to his debut in the professional arena at the tender age of 16. Maradona's career reached its pinnacle during the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico, where he single-handedly propelled Argentina to victory. His infamous "Hand of God" goal and the stunning solo effort against England in the quarterfinals showcased his unparalleled talent and cemented his status as a football legend.

Off the field, Maradona's life was marked by both triumphs and tribulations. His battles with drug abuse and personal demons added a complex layer to his narrative, but his impact on the game and the love he garnered from fans worldwide remained unparalleled. Despite the controversies, Diego Maradona's legacy endures, with his name etched in football history as a symbol of skill, passion, and the indomitable spirit that defines the beautiful game.

1. _____ is the word from the passage which means "first public appearance".
2. Charisma in the given context means _____.
 - (a) Compelling charm
 - (b) Very eloquent
 - (c) Totally difficult
 - (d) Calm and cool
3. Name the word which is a synonym for 'notorious' from the passage.

33. Answer **all** the following questions :

Fill in the blanks with suitable articles, prepositions, conjunctions, adverbs or adjectives.

1. She is _____ expert in _____ field of environmental science.
2. She decided to go for a run, _____ the weather was chilly and the sky was clear.
3. He completed the task _____, showcasing his efficiency and dedication.
4. She was _____ interested nor impressed by the mundane presentation.
5. _____ it was raining, they decided to go for a walk in the park.
6. I bought _____ new laptop yesterday, and it came with _____ sleek case.
7. We took a leisurely stroll through the _____ park, enjoying the tranquility.
8. She had _____ time to finish the project before the deadline.
9. Of all mountain peaks, Everest is _____. (use the correct degree of 'tall')
10. He was given two options, and he chose the _____, which was a practical one. (later/latter)

Rewrite as directed :

11. English is spoken all over the world. (change the voice)
12. "What inspired you to pursue a career in environmental conservation"? inquired the journalist. (write in indirect speech)
13. he exclaimed this is the best news I've heard all week (punctuate the sentence)
14. We witnessed a stunning sunset at the beach. (write as exclamatory sentence)
15. Not only the students but also the teacher _____ surprised by the unexpected turn of events. (use the correct form of 'be')

GROUP B

34. Read the passage and answer the questions given below :

It was raining when Rahel came back to Ayemenem. Slanting silver ropes slammed into loose earth, plowing it up like gunfire. The old house on the hill wore its steep, gabled roof pulled over its ears like a low hat. The walls, streaked with moss, had grown soft, and bulged a little with dampness that seeped up from the ground. The wild, overgrown garden was full of the whisper and scurry of small lives. In the undergrowth a rat snake rubbed itself against a glistening stone. Hopeful yellow bullfrogs cruised the scummy pond for mates. A drenched mongoose flashed across the leaf-strewn driveway. The house itself looked empty. The doors and windows were locked. The front verandah bare. Unfurnished. But the skyblue Plymouth with chrome tailfins was still parked outside, and inside, Baby Kochamma was still alive. She was Rahel's baby grandaunt, her grandfather's younger sister. Her name was really Navomi, Navomi Ipe, but everybody called her Baby. She became Baby Kochamma when she was old enough to be an aunt. Rahel hadn't come to see her, though. Neither niece nor baby grandaunt labored under any illusions on that account. Rahel had come to see her brother, Estha.

(Arundhati Roy: God of Small Things)

Questions:

1. The word 'drenched' in the passage is closest in meaning to:
(a) violent (b) aggressive
(c) warm (d) damp
2. "Flashed across" means:
(a) move swiftly (b) appear in a flash
(c) come back (d) move carefully
3. Find the word in the passage which is opposite in meaning to 'faded'.
(a) empty (b) glistening
(c) slanting (d) gabled

11. The reasons for the project delay are still unclear. No error.
a b c d
12. Me and my sister are planning a trip to Europe next summer. No error.
a b c d
13. The cake, along with the cookies, were baked by my grandmother. No error.
a b c d
14. Each of the employees were given a bonus for their hard work last quarter.
a b c
No error.
d
15. The car needs washed before we go on our road trip. No error.
a b c d

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
