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Language Course: English – III

AUEN212.1 / AUEN212.2 / AUEN211.3 / AUEN211.4:

Modern English Grammar and Usage

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

SECTION – A

Answer ALL questions each in a word or in a sentence.

1. Name the pattern of the following sentence:
He left the ground dejected.
2. Supply the correct question tag:
We are not late.
3. Correct the following sentence.
A banyan is a kind of fig tree.
4. Transform the following question into a statement.
Was he not a villain to do such a deed ?
5. Identify the type of adverb in the following sentence.
Formerly he was a member of the Indian Cricket team.
6. Correct the sentence.
The culprit was hung to death.
7. Begin the sentence with “it”:
To propose the vote of thanks is my privilege.
8. The formula for a basic sentence is NP+VP. What does NP mean ?

9. Name the type of adjective in the following sentence.

What nonsense !

10. Name the gerund in the following sentence.

Hunting wild animals was a favourite past time of kings.

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

SECTION – B

Answer any **EIGHT** questions, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.

11. Combine the following pairs of sentences using infinitives.

i). Napoleon was one of the greatest of generals. He is universally acknowledged so.

ii). Every cricket team has a captain. He directs the other players.

12. Change the voice.

i). The mason is building the wall.

ii). Who did this ?

13. Identify the participial prepositions in the following sentences.

i). Barring accidents, the mail will arrive tomorrow.

ii). Notwithstanding the resistance offered by him, he was arrested by the police.

14. Rewrite the sentences with 'it':

i). To score boundaries and sixers in the final over is difficult.

ii). The Govt. of Nepal fears that more than 10,000 people have died in the earthquake.

15. Frame question so as to get the italicized words as the answer.

i). Sachin Tendulkar played his first Test Match *in Pakistan*.

ii). The watch actually cost only a *tuppence*.

16. Change the following affirmative sentences into *negative sentences without change of meaning*.

i). Brutus loved Caesar.

ii). He is greater than I.

17. Choose the correct adjective:

i). Will you please lend me some / any money ?

ii). I have a little hope of his survival.

18. Change into comparative degree:
- This blade is not as sharp as that one.
 - No other metal is as useful as iron.
19. Combine the sentences using 'too'.
- I am weak. I cannot travel.
 - I am lean. I cannot participate in the weightlifting competition.
20. Point out the subordinating conjunctions in the following sentences.
- I read "Half girlfriend" because it interested me.
 - He will not pay unless he is compelled.
21. Fill in the blanks using appropriate prepositions.
- A policeman rescued the child _____ danger.
 - The political worker should always be tolerant _____ criticism.
22. Combine the following pairs of sentences using participle.
- The magician took pity on the mouse. He changed it into a cat.
 - The people occupied their seats. The train was ready to depart.

(8 x 2 = 16 Marks)

SECTION – C

Answer any SIX questions, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.

23. Use the correct tense of the verbs given in brackets.
- He never (talk) while he (drive) a car.
 - He (go) to the library every day, but today he (not go) because it (rain).
24. Change the voice.
- You ought to do it.
 - Somebody introduced me to Dr. Felix last year.
 - The roof was damaged by the storm.
 - Every year the Thrissur Pooram is witnessed by lakhs of people.
25. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions:
- He goes to office _____ bus.
 - _____ his nasty behavior, I supported him in the election.
 - Your exams will end _____ Friday.
 - I usually spend the vacation _____ Bengaluru.

26. Convert the following sentences into 'wh' negative questions.
- Can you show me where her office is ?
 - I am sorry I shall not be able to attend the meeting.
 - I was expecting you at 8 O' clock.
27. Correct the following sentences:
- Did you went to school yesterday ?
 - Does the gardner waters the flowers.
 - Anila thought she can win the prize.
 - Manju is taller to Midhun
28. Complete the following sentences using suitable modals:
- You _____ have received my reply by now.
 - This medicine _____ kept in the refrigerator always.
 - You _____ be mad if you think I am going to lend you any more money.
 - I had some free time yesterday, so I _____ write a few letters.
29. Fill in the blanks using the correct articles:
- Danny was playing in _____ the street when he saw _____ red car coming fast speedily.
 - _____ impact of _____ telephone on communication has been enormous.
 - We had _____ good time last Sunday. _____ hotel in which we were staying was situated on _____ hillock.
 - _____ public libraries that we have are not well equipped.
30. Choose the correct adverb:
- Kohil's performance made many people _____ angry.
 - The questions were _____ tough for him to answer.
 - I was _____ satisfied with the result.
 - I am _____ happy to hear the news.
31. Punctuate the following passage:
- As caesar loved me I weep for him as he was fortunate I rejoice at it as he was valiant I honour him but as he was ambitious I slew him.

(6 x 4 = 24 Marks)

SECTION – D

Answer any TWO questions, each in about 300 words.

32. Attempt a précis of the following passage:

It is very easy to acquire bad habits, such as eating too many sweets or too much food, or drinking too much fluid of any kind, or smoking. The more we do a thing, the more we tend to like doing it: and, if we do not continue to do it, we feel unhappy. This is called the force of habit, and the force of habit should be fought against.

Things which may be very good when only done from time to time, tend to become very harmful when done too often and too much. This applies even to such good things as work or rest. Some people form a bad habit of working too much and others of idling too much. The wise man always remembers that this is true about himself, and checks any bad habit. He says to himself, “I am now becoming idle”, or “I like too many sweets”, or “I smoke too much,” and then adds, “I will get myself out of this bad habit at once.”

One of the most widely spread bad habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men, often by women, and even by children, almost all over the world. It was brought into Europe from America centuries earlier. I very much doubt whether there is any good in the habit, even when tobacco is not used to excess; and it is extremely difficult to get rid of the habit when once it has been formed.

Alcohol is taken in almost all cool and cold climates, and to a very much less extent in hot ones. Thus, it is taken by people who live in the Himalayas. Alcohol is not necessary in any way to anybody. Millions of people are beginning to do without it entirely; and once the United States of America passed laws which forbid its manufacture or sale throughout the length and breadth of their vast country. In India it is not required by the people at all, and should be avoided by them altogether. It affects the liver, it weakens the mental powers, and lessens the general energy of the body.

33. Construct a readable story from the following outlines.

A son is born to a Rajah – the mother dies in childbirth – a young mother with a baby is chosen as nurse – she nurses both babies together – enemies of the Rajah plot to kill his son – they bribe the guards and get into the palace – the nurse is warned just in time – quickly changes the children’s dresses – leaves her own child dressed as prince and flees with the real prince – murderers enter room and kill the child left behind – so prince is saved – Rajah offers nurse rewards – she refuses them and kills herself – Rajah grieved – erects splendid tomb for the faithful nurse.

34. Expand the proverb:

You cannot burn the candle at both ends.

35. Write a short essay on the harmful influence of internet usage.

(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)

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