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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. In the sentence “The beautiful creamish – white cake was made from a classic French recipe”. Identify the Subject.
2. Change the sentence into an Exclamatory sentence:
It is very sad that he is dead.
3. Insert Articles wherever necessary:
I have great love and admiration for English language.
4. Supply the correct question tag:
“They are reading story books.”
5. Fill in the blank with the appropriate adjective:
She is the _____ of my two daughters.
6. Choose the suitable Adverb from those given in brackets:
He _____ does any hard work. (hardly / hard)
7. Change to comparative degree of comparison without changing the meaning:
This is the best play I have ever seen.
8. Correct the following sentence:
The aircrafts were damaged during the war.

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9. Fill in the blank with suitable prepositions:

They quarreled _____ themselves.

10. Choose the correct form of the verb

Many a patriot has / have died for the cause.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

SECTION – B

*Answer any **EIGHT** of the following questions as directed.*

11. Convert the following into complex sentences:

i). Raju failed again. It is unfortunate.

ii). Here is the castle. The Mughal emperor Akbar built it.

12. Convert the following into compound sentences:

i). Jim went to the market. He bought some fish.

ii). In spite of the bad weather, he looks happy.

13. Convert the following into simple sentences:

i). He saw the fire and ran in the opposite direction.

ii). He is so tired that he cannot study.

14. Correct the following sentences:

i). Mary has reached Chennai yesterday night itself, though his train was delayed on the way.

ii). Her father paid for the furnitures.

15. Change the voice:

i). The young boy wrote that long letter.

ii). Hang the clothes on the line.

16. Give the basic pattern of the following sentence:

i). The book on the table is mine.

ii). She is writing a letter.

17. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

i). I met her _____ the afternoon.

ii). I prefer tea _____ coffee.

18. Change into comparative degree:

i). Shakespeare is the greatest dramatist in the world.

ii). The Mughals fought hard in the third battle of Panipat.

19. Add the correct question tag:
- Everyone in the auditorium knew the answer, _____ ?
 - He has bought a car, _____ ?
20. Rearrange the jumbled words into a meaningful sentence:
- The / told / not / to / media / the / person / the / actor / jump / gun
 - stop / as / trying / talking / to / I / concentrate / am
21. Change into Indirect Speech:
- He said “ I have lost my purse”
 - Ram said “I bought the pen yesterday”
22. Rewrite the sentence with the introductory It:
- To study hard is the lot of students.
 - To welcome the chief guest gives me great pleasure.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

SECTION – C*Answer any SIX of the following as directed.*

23. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the tenses:
- I _____ to her yesterday. (write)
 - The train _____ (leave) before I _____ (reach) the station.
 - He _____ as a doctor for five years. (practice)
 - The child _____ (drop) the glass while he _____ (drink) juice.
24. Rewrite the following sentences changing the gender:
- My nephew got admission to the college.
 - The Seamster who sews my dress is ill.
 - The milkmaid was late today.
 - The host received her with joy.
25. Rewrite the following sentences with correct prepositions:
- Please abide _____ the rules.
 - His addiction _____ alcohol proved dangerous.
 - I come _____ a place where we don't end our sentences _____
prepositions.
 - What is the time _____ your watch ?
26. Rewrite the following conversation in indirect speech:
Doctor: “What is your problem?”

Teddy: "I have a severe headache"

Doctor: "Did you play in the sun yesterday?"

Teddy: "Yes I did, I played all morning as it was a holiday"

27. Correct the following sentences:

i). The students enjoyed during the holidays.

ii). The girl who works hardest she will be given a present.

iii). As she is short and stout so she runs slowly.

iv). Has the police received any informations about the missing boy ?

28. Turn into Passive / Active voice:

i). People play football all over the world.

ii). Has someone repaired that broken television ?

iii). The matter must be looked into.

iv). Were you surprised by his sudden return ?

29. Rewrite the following passage underlining the determinatives, quantifiers and possessives in it:

Lots of people are coming to my birthday party. All of them are happy fellows. Every year I and my dad throw up a party. At the party, each friend will have an unforgettable experience – something which will help them to live through half their lives.

30. Fill up using articles:

I was walking down _____ London Square when I met _____ gentleman in _____ black suit. He reminded me of Sherlock Holmes so I quickly took _____ photograph with _____ mobile phone I had bought yesterday. _____ man look at me puzzled and then gave me _____ weird smile. I smiled happily only to trip on _____ orange peel that lay on the road.

31. Rewrite the following passage providing the correct punctuations:

opera refers to a dramatic art form originating in Europe in which the emotional content is conveyed to the audience as much through music both vocal and instrumental as it is through the lyrics by contrast in musical theater an actor's dramatic performance is primary and the music plays a lesser role the drama in opera is presented using the primary elements of theater such as scenery costumes and acting.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

SECTION – D

Answer any **TWO** of the following questions as directed.

32. Expand the proverb “The pen is mightier than the sword.”
33. Write a short essay on – Politicians should be well educated.
34. Write a précis of the following passage:

Prolivity is not alien to us in India. We are able to talk at some length. Krishna Menon's record of the longest speech ever delivered at the United Nations (nine hours non – stop), established half a century ago (when Menon was leading the Indian delegation), has not been equalled by anyone from anywhere. Other peaks of loquaciousness have been scaled by other Indians. We do like to speak. This is not a new habit. The ancient Sanskrit epics the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, which are frequently compared with the Iliad and the Odyssey, are colossally longer than the works that the modest Homer could manage. Indeed, the Mahabharata alone is about seven times as long as the Iliad and the Odyssey put together. The Ramayana and the Mahabharata are certainly great epics: I recall with much joy how my own life was vastly enriched when I encountered them first as a restless youngster looking for intellectual stimulation as well as sheer entertainment. But they proceed from stories to stories woven around their principal tales, and are engagingly full of dialogues, dilemmas and alternative perspectives. And we encounter masses of arguments and counterarguments spread over incessant debates and disputations.

35. Arrange the given sentences in the proper order:

[Hint: sentence 1 and sentence 10 are in the correct order. The rest of the sentences have to be rearranged so as to give logical sense to the whole passage]

As India celebrates half a century of independence from British rule, Shashi Tharoor, the prize – winning author of *The Great Indian Novel*, conducts a searching examination of his India. Finally Tharoor adds that the way India resolves these debates will decide whether the twenty – first century will give us a world safe for diversity. Next he goes on to endorse the remark made by the British historian E. P. Thompson who had called India as “the most important country for the future of the world” and believes that India has the potential to combat these challenges. Shashi Tharoor then moves on to elaborately explain why India stands on the cusp of the most crucial debates of our time. Firstly Tharoor describes India as a land of unparalleled diversity and extraordinary challenges. Very significantly,

the book also deals with a series of interlinked challenges – “bread versus freedom”, “centralization versus federalism”, “pluralism versus fundamentalism”, and “globalization versus self – sufficiency”. **Always engaging, often impassioned, this work shows once again the insight and flair that have placed Shashi Tharoor in the front rank of India's writers.**

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

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