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Assignment Examination 2020-21

B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. - I

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper - II

FOUNDATION COURSE

Max. Marks : 100

Section - 'A'

(1×20=20)

Q.I Do as directed: (any twenty)

(A) Add 'a', 'an', 'some' or 'the' where necessary:

Q.1 There is ----- fly in ----- lemonade.

Q.2 ----- birds can fly very high in-----sky.

Q.3 There's ----- horse in----- garden.

Q.4 ----- book on that shelf is ----- interesting one about history.

Put the verbs into Present Perfect Continuous form:

Q.5 He (live) in the town since 1964.

Q.6 How long you (wait) for me?

Q.7 She (study) medicine for the last four years.

Add 'some' or 'any':

Q.8 I have----- work for you to do.

Q.9 There isn't----- milk in the Pot.

Fill in the blanks with possessives or 'self' forms:

Q.10 I cut ----- with the razor this morning.

Q.11 Do we need to do it all by-----?

Q.12 He has made-----very unpopular in----- office.

Fill in the blanks with possessives where necessary:

Q.13 Aparna is knitting socks----- was windows.

Q.14 The caterpillar crept----- the box.

Q.15 Sitting----- The floor is not very comfortable.

Rewrite the following sentence in the Passive:

Q.16 Bulldozers remove the soil.

Q.17 They invited Tanuja to deliver a speech.

Q.18 People have praised his work.

Q.19 Gandhiji broke the British Salt Law.

Rewrite the following sentence into reported speech;

Q.20 "Did you lock the house or not?" he asked his son.

Q.21 "If it rains we'll have to cancel the match" the captain said.

Q.22 "Don't try to be very clever", said Mrs. Verma to her servant.

Fill in the blanks with modal auxiliaries;

Q.23 We----- aim at noble goals. (desirability)

Q.24 You---- leave the office early today. (Permission)

Q.25 It's raining. I----- take my rain coat. (Compulsion)

(B) Give synonyms (word with same meanings) of any two of the following: (5)

(i) Ancient (ii) Basic (iii) Custom (iv) Obtain

(C) Match the words in a list 'A' with their antonyms in list 'B': (10)

A

(a) Tarnished

(b) Sparkling

(c) Denial

(d) Arrest

(e) Wide

B

Narrow

Untarnished

Acceptance

Release

Dull

Section - 'B'

Q.II Answer 'any five' of the following questions : (15)

Q.1 Why does Rabindranath Tagore compare "dead habit" to "drearydesert sand"?

Q.2 How are the figures of men and women depicted in Indian art.

Q.3 Which Indians influenced Europe and America most?

Q.4 Mention any five vedangas?

Q.5 What is Socialism?

Q.6 What happens when the trees get dry?

Q.7 Where did Ghalib's wife sent her jewels and valuables.

Q.III. Read the passage carefully and answer the question given below: (10)

Once open time, there lived a poor little girl who used

to sell match boxes in the market of a big city. She had no one to

care for or look after her. She had no house and she slept on footpaths and verandahs. Her clothes were torn and during winters, she did not even have any woollen clothes to protect her from cold. She also walked barefoot on the snow covered streets. It was New Year's Eve and heavy snowfall had covered all the streets and buildings. People had decorated their shop and houses with different items. They were very busy with the New Year celebrations.

Question

- (i) What did the poor little girl do for a living?
- (ii) Why would she sleep on footpaths and verandahs?
- (iii) What were the streets and buildings covered with?
- (iv) Why had the people decorated their shops and houses?
- (v) Suggest a suitable title.

Section - 'C'

Q.IV. (A) Write a letter to your father, informing him about your studies. (20)

OR

Write a letter to a friend who had a road accident, wishing him speedy recovery.

(B) Write an application to the Registrar of your University asking him for early declaration of results.

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting for fee concession.

Q.V. Write a paragraph in about 150 words on any two of the following: (10×2=20)

- Q.1 Importance of trees around us.
- Q.2 Vedic literature of India.
- Q.3 The Hindu Trinity.
- Q.4 saving our Environment.
- Q.5 Fundamental Duties.

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Q1.(a) Do as directed (any twenty)

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Fill in the blanks with suitable articles:

- i) There is letter for you.
- ii) It was best day of my life.
- iii) I heard the news on T.V.

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb 'be':

- iv) They foreigners.
- v) He an American.
- vi) They here yesterday.

Fill in the blanks with 'self-forms':

- vii) I was given this award by the king
- viii) Prachi says that she saw the ghost
- ix) I saw in the mirror.

Fill in the blanks with suitable relative pronouns:

- x) He is the only person can repair this machine.
- xi) Tell me the name of the student won the first prize.

Fill in the blanks using the correct forms of the verbs provided in brackets:

- xii) She will not succeed unless she harder. (work)
- xiii) Do not do anything until you any information. (have)

Fill in the blanks with suitable modals:

- xiv) How you insult him? (presence of courage)
- xv) "..... I stay here tonight"? said the stranger (polite request)
- xvi) I run a mile when I was young (ability in the past)

Change the voice:

xvii) He painted the doors red.

xviii) I forgave him all his faults.

xix) The students asked me a question.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

xx) He pointed the tree.

xxi) There is a mark your shirt.

xxii) I came here my bicycle.

Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

xxiii) Prachi I left early. (but, and)

xxiv) Do the work slowly carefully. (but, or)

xxv) Please sign the contract you are satisfied with the conditions. (if, unless).

Combine the following sentences using 'as', and / or 'because' :

xxvi) Reetika broke a cup.

Reetika broke a saucer.

xxvii) It was a public holiday.

All the shops were closed.

xxviii) Rhea is learning French.

She wants to study in Paris.

Q-1 (b) After every word (in column A) are provided three words (in column B). One of them is not a synonym. Find the word out:

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A	B
Product	Creation, Outcome, Outsource
Power	Ability, Tenacity, Capacity
Definition	Examination, Description, Exposition
Elaborate	Detailed, Through, Thorough
Figure	Personality, Pupil, Number

Q1(c) Make any five of the following words negative by using appropriate prefixes: 10

Advantage

Literacy

Leading

Successful

Continue

Perfect

Interested

Reliable

Willing

Qualification

Section - 'B'

Q.2(a) Answer the following questions (any five): 10

- (i) What is the basic difference between the working of a scientist and that of an ordinary individual?
- (ii) Who is the earliest person who wrote on medicine in ancient India?
- (iii) When did the pulse of plant become more violent and more rapid?
- (iv) Why was Ramanujan granted half exemption in fees at school?
- (v) What is information technology?
- (vi) Do you agree with the view that computers have electronic brains?
- (vii) When did the problem of water pollution start?
- (viii) What was the immediate effect of atomic bombing on Hiroshima?
- (ix) Why have people invented computers?
- (x) Who was William Thomas?

Q.2(b) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows: 10

Once upon the time there was an old farmer who had worked his crops for many years. One day his horse ran away. Upon hearing the news, his neighbours came to visit. "Such bad luck," they said sympathetically.

"Maybe," the farmer replied.

The next morning the horse returned, bringing with it three other wild horses. "How wonderful," the neighbours exclaimed.

"Maybe," replied the old man.

The following day, his son tried to ride one of the untamed horses, was thrown, and broke his leg. The neighbours again came to offer their sympathy on his misfortune.

"Maybe," answered the farmer.

The day after, military officials came to the village to draft young men into the army. Seeing that the son's leg was broken, they passed him by. The neighbours congratulated the farmer on how well things had turned out.

"Maybe," said the farmer.

Questions-

- (1) What was considered as 'bad luck' by the neighbours?
- (2) Why was the returning of the horse 'wonderful'?
- (3) What happened to the son when he tried to ride the untamed horse?
- (4) Why did the military officials come to the village?
- (5) Provide a suitable title to the story.

Q.3 Write a report about any one of the following in about two hundred words: 10

- (1) A Cricket Match you have witnessed.
- (2) The most memorable birthday of your life.
- (3) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- (4) A picnic you enjoyed with your friends.

Q.4 Expand any one of the following topics in about two hundred words. 10

- (1) Nothing is more wonderful than life.
- (2) Water is the true elixir of life.
- (3) All men are scientists.
- (4) Books are our best friend.

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Note- Attempt all questions.

1. Answer any five of the following questions in about 200 words. 25

- (a) Do you feel that the ending of the story "Death of a Clerk" is proper? If not, what sort of end you would consider proper?
- (b) Why could the shepherd boy sit on the Judgement Seat of Vikramaditya and not the king?
- (c) Why are bores happy?
- (d) How does Vivekananda prove that spiritual ideas are not dying out, rather they have just begun to grow?
- (e) Write a summary of the essay 'Communication Education and Information Technology' in your own words.
- (f) Do you agree with the view that the new economic policy is a mixed bag of good and bad points?
- (g) Write a summary of the essay 'Management of Change'.

2. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about two hundred words: 10

- (5) The Digital World.
- (6) Development and Environment.
- (7) Globalisation and Privatisation.
- (8) The most memorable day of your life.

3. Make a précis of the following passage and give a title to it. 10

How to control the mind seems to have always been a great problem for most people. In the Bhagavad Gita, an ancient scripture of Hinduism, Prince Arjuna laments to his friend and teacher Shri Krishna, "O Krishna, my mind is naturally very restless. It constantly agitates my senses. It is extremely stubborn and resists all attempts to control it. It is just as difficult to control as it is to control the strong winds." Hindu tradition also compares an uncontrolled mind to a monkey which is totally drunk and is being stung by hornets. This excellent analogy beautifully describes the pitiable state of an uncontrolled mind. Some techniques of controlling the mind were developed by some ancient sages of India, among whom Patanjali is the most well-known.

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. 10

If you try to know how your food is digested, you will be surprised! How much work is required to just digest the food! We put it into our mouth and chew it. The saliva mixes with it. Then, we swallow it and it goes to the stomach. Here, the digestive juices and enzymes work on it. It moves further into the large intestine for assimilation and the process goes on. So much is happening!! All we know is to put the food in the mouth. After that we don't know what happens. There is a significance of what we know, but the significance of what we don't know is much more. It is just not possible to know everything about this entire creation.

Questions-

- (6) What is a matter of surprise?
- (7) What mixes with saliva?
- (8) What happens to the food in the stomach?
- (9) What is more significant, the known or the unknown?
- (10) What is not possible?

5. Match the names of animals in column A with the names of its young in column B. 10

A	B
Duck	Kitten
Sheep	Kid
Goat	Puppy
Dog	Duckling
Cat	Lamb

6. Complete each of the following group of three words with a word that is similar in meaning. Choose from the following list: 10

procure, abridge, dupe, corroborate, postulate

- (i) cheat, swindle, hoodwink,...
- (ii) confirm, verify, affirm,...
- (iii) abbreviate, shorten, condense,...
- (iv) acquire, gain, obtain,...
- (v) assume, suppose, infer,...

7. Do as directed. (Any twenty five): 25

- I. Karan has gone to bank to get (Complete the sentence using some or any plus a suitable noun).
- II. Can I have in my tea? I do not like it black. (Complete the sentence using some or any plus a suitable noun).
- III. Physics (was/were) the subject he was specializing as a student. (Rewrite using correct form of the verb).
- IV. Weather (change/changes) all the time. (Rewrite using correct form of the verb).

- V. Weather (is/are) not the same thing as climate. (Rewrite using correct form of the verb).
- VI. I'll go to the door I hear the bell. (Supply 'if' or 'unless')
- VII. I shan't go to the door I hear the bell. (Supply 'if' or 'unless')
- VIII. He would have come you had called him. (Supply 'if' or 'unless')
- IX. He was accused murder. (Supply a suitable preposition)
- X. This music was written Khaiyam. (Supply a suitable preposition)
- XI. We must wait the bus stop. (Supply a suitable preposition)
- XII. Do you adhere any special political doctrines? (Supply a suitable preposition)
- XIII. A stone struck him on the head. (Change the voice.)
- XIV. She was dismissed from service. (Change the voice.)
- XV. Did the darkness frighten you? (Change the voice.)
- XVI. The lion was caught in a trap. (Change the voice.)
- XVII. I know a man eats raw vegetables. (Add the missing relative)
- XVIII. You cannot write on the paper this factory makes. (Add the missing relative)
- XIX. You teach.
Do you enjoy it? (Combine the sentences using a gerund form.)
- XX. Is there F.M. radio channel in your city? (Supply a suitable article.)
- XXI. It was a very bad mistake. It was the I ever made. (Use the superlative degree of the adjective.)

- XXII. I have to blame for this error. (Fill in the blank space with a suitable reflexive pronoun.)
- XXIII. Have we got to do this work all by? (Fill in the blank space with a suitable reflexive pronoun.)
- XXIV. I (always have) trouble with my car these days. (Rewrite using suitable tense form)
- XXV. When we (go) to see them yesterday evening, they (play) chess. (Rewrite using suitable tense form)
- XXVI. Chhattisgarh has great mineral(wealth). (Make a noun from the given adjective)
- XXVII. Please. Tell the(true) (Make a noun from the given adjective)
- XXVIII. The giant was very selfish,.....? (Supply a question tag)
- XXIX. He hates her like poison,.....? (Supply a question tag)
- XXX. We rarely go to pictures on Sundays,.....? (Supply a question tag)