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General English

PART A : (35 marks)

Q 1 5 marks

Complete the following questions so as to get the answers given below each of them.

- (1) How often ?
I visit my grandmother once a week.
- (2) Whose ?
This house belongs to my uncle.
- (3) Where ?
The patient is being taken to hospital
- (4) How much ?
I donated 10,000 rupees for the construction of the school.
- (5) When ?
The taxi will be here at 6.30 am tomorrow.

Q 2 10 marks

Complete each of the following sentences with correct prepositions:

- 1. it's _____ time you told him the truth!
- 2. The soccer player was rejected because he had done something that was _____ the rules.
- 3. Another way of saying 'old-fashioned' is ' _____ the times'.
- 4. You shouldn't pick _____ him just because he's different.
- 5. The animal hospital? It's somewhere _____ that big blue building.
- 6. Being a nurse is hard work, especially if you're _____ call all the time.
- 7. She's the kind of girl who knows everything _____ everyone.
- 8. She is, _____ a doubt, the best student in the class.
- 9. _____ our visit to Japan, we saw a lot of interesting places.
- 10. _____ the year, I've spoken to her five times.

Q 3 10 marks

Fill in the blanks with words given within brackets.

(already told with missed landed tell now well dishonest returned end low about take full would fair scored heart all)

Jill was walking to her class slowly. She was worried 1 the History test she would have to 2 that morning. As she was reaching the classroom, a piece of paper suddenly fluttered down and 3 near her feet. As Jill glanced down at the paper, her heart nearly 4 a beat. It was the History test paper complete 5 answers !
 Jill's very first thought was not to 6 anyone about what she had found. She would memorize 7 the answers and do extremely 8 in the test. After some hard thinking, however, she knew that it would be a very 9 thing to do. Besides, it would not be 10 to her classmates. In the 11, Jill returned the paper to her History teacher, Miss James.
 "Thanks, Jill. I have been searching high and 12 for it," said the teacher.
 "I...I've read all the questions 13, Miss James," Jill confessed.
 Miss James 14 her not to worry as she would think of new questions for the test. Jill's 15 sank. She was half hoping that the test 16 be cancelled. Nevertheless, she did her best in the new test later that day.
 A few days later, the test papers were 17 to the class. Go her pleasant surprise, Jill discovered that she had 18 eighty marks.
 "You know something," she told her friends. "I could easily have scored 19 marks if I had cheated on this test. But I wouldn't be as pleased as I am 20 with the eighty marks I obtained."

Q 4 05 marks

Answers

- 1. My grandfather was a smoker, so few people were surprised when he died of oral cancer.
- 2. She was a wife who loved her husband more than anything else in the whole universe.
- 3. It is a opportunity. If you miss it, you will regret it.
- 4. She seemed quite interested in buying that house, but at the last moment, she her mind.
- 5. Although I wasannoyed by her attitude, I said nothing.

Q 5 05 marks

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word given within brackets

- 1. That (ANNOUNCE) speaks too quickly.
- 2. The police are looking for a dangerous (CRIME)
- 3. I would like to have a (MAGIC) at my party!
- 4. Don't go inside the bank! There is a (ROB) with a gun!
- 5. I am waiting for the (ARRIVE) of my plane.
- 6. The (DEPART) will be tomorrow at 5 a.m.
- 7. Is there any kind of (ENTERTAIN) in this hotel?
- 8. Could I have an (EXPLAIN)?
- 9. Excuse me but my (PRONOUNCE) is very bad, I'm afraid !
- 10. Her broken foot is still very (PAIN).

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Part B

- 6) Read the following sentence and fill in the blanks of the facts given below it with suitable words 5 marks

The policeman admitted owning the gun that killed his wife.

There is a.....
 He owns a ...gun.....
 He is
 His wife is.....
 That gun caused her
 The policeman admitted owning that

- 7) Read the following story and complete the statements given below it with the most appropriate word/ words. 10 marks

A man and his son are driving in a car. The car crashes into a tree, killing the father and seriously injuring his son. At the hospital, the boy needs to have surgery. Upon looking at the boy, the doctor says (telling the truth), "I cannot operate on him. He is my son.

- 1) The son was in the car with the(mother, father, the doctor)
- 2) The number of casualties was (one, two, three, none)
- 3)killed the father. (the car, the tree, the accident)
- 4) The doctor was (the boy's father, his mother, the man in the car)
- 5) The doctor has lost (her son, her husband, her car)
- 8) Write a paragraph considering the following sentence as the main sentence. (Use 100 words) 10 marks

The members of my family have different interests in reading books.....



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General English II

1) Read the text given below and answer the questions. 10 marks

Ancient people decided the commencement of each and every month by the appearance of certain star patterns in the sky over a period of one year. Three bright stars that appear in the sky during summer were joined together by three straight lines and the triangle so obtained was named as summer triangle. They adopted this information for crop cultivation and harvesting. Though it appears to be very hypothetical the division into constellations of large number of stars that appear in the sky at night seems very useful and practical.

- How did the ancient people decide the beginning of each and every month?
- How did they obtain the summer triangle?
- For what did they use this information?
- What are considered as constellations?
- Provide words similar in meaning to the words given below.

a. Commencement

b. Hypothetical

2) Read the text given below and answer the questions. 10 marks.

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them helping drowning sailors have been common since Roman times. The more we learn about dolphins, the more we realize that their society is more complex than people previously imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do. Some scientists have suggested that dolphins have a language but it is much more probable that they communicate with each other without needing words. Could any of these mammals be more intelligent than man? Certainly the most common argument in favor of man's superiority over them that we can kill them more easily than they can kill us is the least satisfactory. On the contrary, the more we discover about these remarkable creatures, the less we appear superior when we destroy them.

- What is most general fact about dolphins?
- What had people previously imagined of dolphins?
- Write three services done by dolphins for their own community.
- What shows that man is superior to dolphins?
- Find out the words that provide similar meaning to the words given below
 - General
 - Understand

3) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below it. 05 marks

Education

Education
the light of our life
A gift of academic rife

Education
the key to a bright and rewarding future
A glue that joins our dreams like a suture

Education
A path to divine success
A smooth drive to our greatness

Education
gives our thinking a different appearance
And helps drive away all our ignorance

Education
It leads us to the path of prosperity
And gives our tomorrow a sounding security

Education
A thick line between right and wrong
A ladder that takes us to the height where we belong

Education
Mother of all profession
That helps acquires all our possession
Education Is our right
For in it our future is bright.

An extract from 'Poem about Education: The Key to Life' By Stanley Oguh

- Write four uses of education.
- For what purpose does education become a key?
- How does education become a mother?
- How does education change our behavioral pattern?
- Provide words similar in meaning to the words given below.
 - Academic rife
 - Rewarding future

4) Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box

combat, offence, immaculate, infertility, crumbles, average, emigration, immigration, paragon, epicurean, virtuoso

- The visitors to the Bogala Graphite Mine should wear protective gears to ensure their safety and to maintain the record of 'zero' accidents.
- Environmental pollution causes land ,extinction of animal and plant life and diseases such as dengue and malaria.
- Fear is a pessimistic out-look which life and debases the mind.
- Vandalizing public property is a punishable
- GMT is the time that the earth takes to rotate from noon to noon.
- The merchant counted the money like a running his fingers over a keyboard.
- Brain Drain refers to the of knowledgeable, well educated and skilled professionals from their home country to another country.
- There are many things governments can do to brain drain.
- Mahatma Gandhi was a..... of virtue
- A man with tendency should have a fat wallet

5) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it. 20 marks

It is supposed to be the favourite food of elephants and in some parts of the world it is called the elephant apple while in other areas, it gets the name wood apple because of its hard wooden shell.

It is usually available right through the year, however, more abundantly from about June to November. The fruit that is a little larger than a tennis ball has a tough woody shell and a sticky pulp with numerous tiny hard seeds scattered throughout, that require no removal. The shell that is greenish white when unripe, with a pale gold colour pulp turns into a mottled dark brown with a coffee brown to dark brown interior when ripe,

To gauge the ripeness of the fruit it is usually given the "bounce test" by dropping the wood apple on a hard surface, if it bounces, it is not yet ripe. If it merely falls to the ground with a soft thud, it is ready to eat.

Ripeness can also be checked by shaking the fruit; if you hear the pulp inside move around then it is ripe as the pulp usually moves away from the shell as the fruit ripens. The ripe fruits also emanate a unique and overpowering fermented aroma that can be described as sugary yet putrid and musky,

Wood apple is great for digestion and a good remedy for digestive disorders. It also helps to avoid constipation. The protein content in the fruit helps the body in healing faster and strengthening muscles as an energy booster. The detoxifying power of the fruit contributes towards keeping the kidney protected.

Even though the fruit has many nutritional benefits it should be consumed in moderation as excessive consumption can cause flatulence, stomach pain, and bloating. Wood apples should not be eaten continuously as it may cause intestinal problems. Eat only a small amount when it is eaten for the first time, as it may cause allergies.

1) Say whether the following statements are True or False.

- Wood apples are abundantly available right through the year
- Wood apples are good for the problem of constipation
- Any amount of wood apple pulp is good for people.
- Wood apple pulp is good for stomach pain and bloating

2) Why is wood apple called elephant apple in some parts of the world?

- Write two ways the ripeness of wood apple can be checked ?
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4) Write two nutritional benefits of wood apple pulp

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5) Why shouldn't we eat too much of wood apple pulp

6) Find a word from the passage which has the same meaning as the following

- smell
- treatment that cures a disease
- give out
- cause to move up and down

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General English II

Part B
6) Read the following conversation and fill in the blanks in the summary given below.

Mahesh: What does 'camouflage' mean, Sir ?

Teacher: Camouflage means disguise or conceal by colouring or covering.
Some animals do this to protect them from their enemies.

Mahesh: For what else do they do this ?

Teacher: They do it to catch food.

Mahesh: Can you mention some examples.

Teacher: Well ! Frogs, butterflies, and snakes do this

Mahesh: How do they do it, Sir ?

Teacher: They change their colour or shape to match the surroundings

Mahesh: Wonderful! How do they look like then.

Teacher: With camouflage, they look like grass, leaves, or stones.

Mahesh: How does it help them ?

Teacher: It improves their chances of survival in the wild.

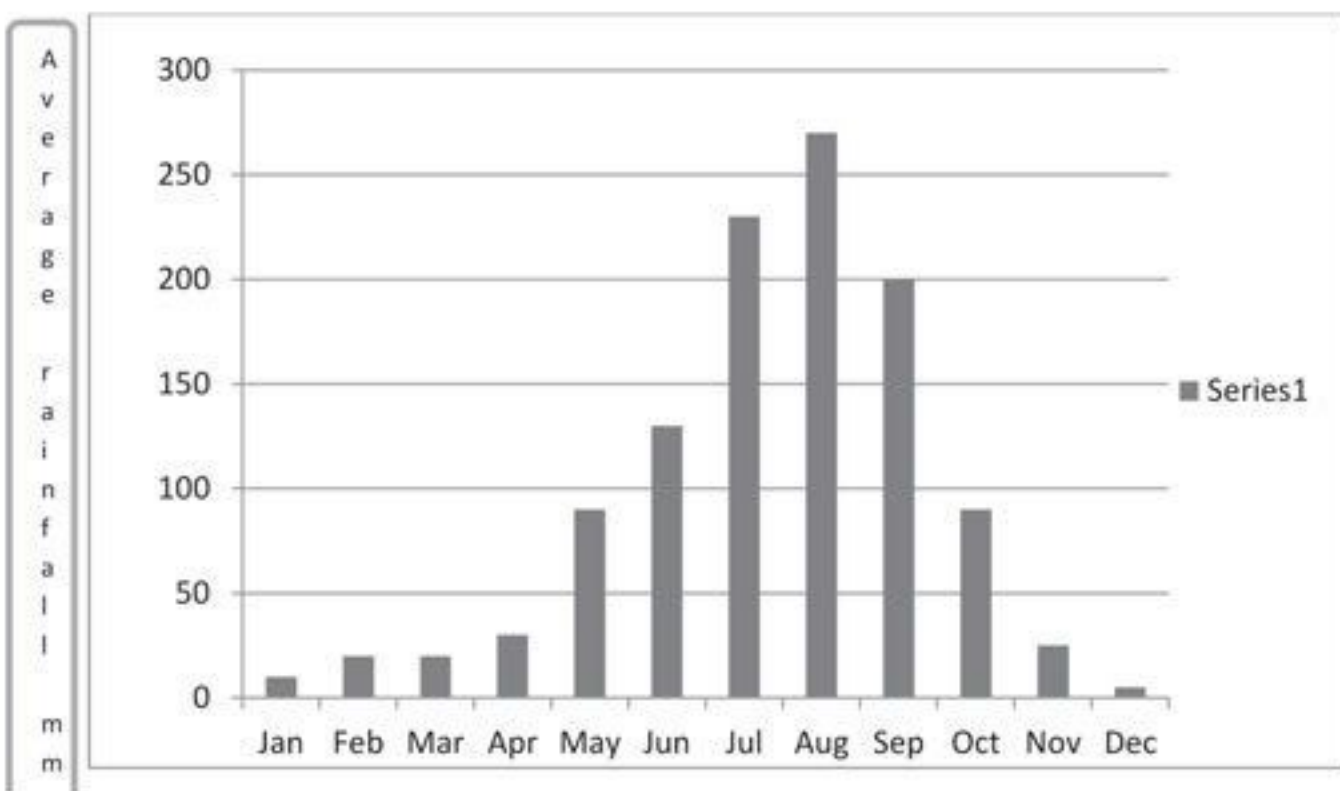
Camouflage is hiding oneself from one's (1)..... Some animals do this to (2) themselves from their enemies. They do it to catch (3)..... Frogs (4)....., and snakes are (5) of such animals. They (6) their colours or shapes to match their (7) With (8), they look like grass, (9), or stones. This (10) their chances of (11)..... in the wild.

7) You bring a letter from your school to your father with a request to permit you to attend a scouts Camp for six days. Your father does not like it, but you want to participate in it. Write out the conversation that takes place between your father and you. Each one should speak at least five times

8) Select any five words from the list given below and use each of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the form of other words.

Fluent, disaster, essential, ignore, organize, unruly, wicked, consider, campaign, totally

9) The following bar graph shows the average rainfall of the Western Province received in 2018. Study the graph and write a description about it. Use about 100 words. 10 marks



- highest
- equal
- lower than
- higher than
- very little
- increase
- decrease
- minimum
- maximum

10) You had a cultural show in your school recently. Write a letter to a friend abroad describing the event. Include the following.

- the organizers
- the purpose
- the items presented
- response from the audience
- the sponsors

Use about 100 words.

11) Write an article to your school magazine on the following topic. "If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character" Include the following:

1. What is righteousness?
2. What is character
3. How does righteousness influence the character

(b) Write an essay to your school magazine on the topic. "A loser gets more experience than a champion"

- Include the following:
1. Feelings of a champion after a victory
 2. Feelings of a loser after a victory
 3. Experience of a champion
 4. Experience of a loser
 5. How a loser learns more than a champion

(c) Write a speech you would make at the school Library Association on "Cheating at exams and Plagiarism cannot be tolerated"

- Include the following
1. How candidates cheat at exams
 2. How cheating becomes a crime
 3. What is plagiarism?
 4. Consequences of plagiarism and cheating at exams

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