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BOARD DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, (C–16)

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER - 2020

FIRST YEAR (COMMON) EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours] [*Total Marks* : 80

PART—A 3×10=30

Instructions : (1) Answer **all** questions.

(2) Each question carries **three** marks.

(3) Answers should be brief and straight to the point and shall not exceed *five* simple sentences.

1. Write classroom expressions used by the students while asking the teacher—

(a) to reschedule/postpone the slip test to next week;

(b) to repeat the explanation about present perfect tense;

(c) to sign on the bus-pass application form.

2. Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets :

(a) Ask your father to drop you at the college as you missed the bus.

(Make a request)

(b) Grow trees to keep our environment healthy.

(Write a sentence expressing obligation)

(c) You cannot find the hall-ticket just before leaving for the examination.

(Write a sentence expressing your feelings)

3. You want to meet the neurologist to take help in dealing with exam stress. Make a request to the receptionist to fix an appointment with the doctor.

4. Fill in the blanks as directed in the brackets :

(a) The students are successful, _____ being hardworking.

(Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition)

(b) China is the most populous country in the world.

(Rewrite using 'more populous')

(c) No other city in India is as polluted as Delhi.

(Change into comparative degree using 'most polluted')

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verb :

(a) The police _____ (arrest) the thief recently.

(b) I _____ (study) in this college since July 2019.

(c) The teacher _____ (take) attendance when I went to the class late.

6. Change the voice of the following sentences :

(a) The students measured the thickness of the glass using screw gauge

(b) English is widely used in everyday conversation by the Indians.

(c) All the Indians respect Abdul Kalam ji for his selfless service to the nation.

7. Frame a sentence each in the following basic sentence patterns :

(a) S+V

(b) S+V+DO+IO

(c) S+V+O+OC

8. Frame questions for the following sentence as directed in the brackets :

I dropped my mobile phone damaging it completely while getting down the college bus at my home.

(Frame three questions using 'How', 'When' and 'Where')

9. Change the speech of the following sentences :

(a) The teacher said to Deepu, "This is the best solution for the problem."

(b) Mohit said to his teacher, "I will study well for the examinations."

(c) Madhuri told Raghu that she could solve that problem then.

10. Rewrite the following sentences correctly :

(a) The students are awaiting for the results.

(b) All that glitters are not gold.

(c) The students of polytechnic are more hardworking than the junior college.

PART—B

10×5=50

Instructions : (1) Answer *any* **five** questions.

(2) Question No. **18** is compulsory.

(3) Each question carries **ten** marks.

(4) Answers should be comprehensive and the criterion for valuation is the content but not the length of the answer.

11. Fill in the blanks with suitable words given from the list of words :

(melts, habitat, atmosphere, hunt, vulnerable, land, other, classified, change, region)

In 2008, the polar bear was placed on the endangered species list. The polar bear is the first animal that has been _____ as endangered primarily due to global warming. Global warming is a

form of climate _____ caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide and _____ greenhouse gases that are trapped in the _____. The polar bear's body is more _____ to global warming than many other species. Polar bears live mainly on the sea ice in the arctic _____. This is where they _____ for fish and build up fat reserves. When the ice _____, many polar bears move to _____ and live on their stored fat in their _____. In that arctic, the global warming is causing the ice to melt slightly earlier and form slightly later. This results in a shorter feeding season for the polar bear. This eventually leads to hunger and death.

12. Your friend has joined in your college. He has to open savings account for scholarship. Write a set of clear instructions guiding your friend to open an account in SBI, Polytechnic Branch.

13. *(a)* Frame two 'Yes' or 'No' (confirmation) and three 'Wh-' (information) questions from the following paragraph :

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, popularly known as the Missile Man of India, doesn't need any introduction. He was a scientist, writer, leader and a statesman. He was born on 15th October, 1931. He played a crucial role in the space programme and missile development of India. He was also a part of India's nuclear tests at Pokhran. He became the 11th President of India. He was awarded Bhrat Ratna, the highest civilian award of India. He was born in a small village in Tamil Nadu, but he went to such great positions only because of his hardwork and dedication. Many such inspirations can be learnt from his book, *Wings of Fire*.

(b) Rewrite the following sentences correctly :

(i) Neither of the two brothers have failed in the examination.

(ii) If you start immediately, you reached the station in time.

(iii) Mr. Bean is the most craziest character in the world.

(iv) Youth is addicted in smart phones.

(v) I have seen the thief yesterday.

14. Write a paragraph explaining the importance and advantages of trees for us.

15. Prepare a resume for K. Mohit Chandra, B. Tech (Mechanical Engg.) aged 22, applying for the position of Design Engineer in Mercedes Benz India Ltd., Bangalore.

16. Write a letter to your mother on the Women's Day expressing your thanks for all her efforts.

17. Read the following passage and make notes :

Droughts are one of the very common natural calamities in India. The term 'drought' is applied to an extended period when there is a shortage of water availability due to inadequate rains, high evaporation and over-use of available water. There are many types of droughts.

First is the meteorological drought, which is a situation when there is a prolonged period of inadequate rainfall which is unequally distributed.

Second type is the agricultural drought; it is also known as the soil moisture drought. This is characterised by low soil moisture which is essential for the crop growth. This type of drought results in crop failures.

Hydrological drought is the third type of drought, which occurs due to the unavailability of water in different sources like lakes, reservoirs, rivers, etc. The last type of drought is the ecological drought. Such type of drought occurs when the ecosystem fails due to shortage of water leading to the damage of the ecosystem.

18. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

India was once considered the land of knowledge and enlightenment. In ancient times scholars from all over Asia and Europe used to flock to Taxila, Nalanda and other Indian centres of learning. Apart from arts, culture, philosophy and religion, these scholars came to study medicine, law and martial sciences. But despite having a vastly expanded university system and historical advances, modern India has yet to provide international or even regional leadership in higher education. From the surrounding countries of Asia and Africa, only a few students come to India for higher education now.

The United States is by far the most successful country in attracting foreign students. But other countries such as Australia, Canada and Britain also aggressively market their universities abroad through their education counselling services and recruitment affairs with the active cooperation of their diplomatic missions abroad.

(a) What is the writer's opinion about the higher education in modern India?

(b) What subjects were taught in ancient universities in India?

(c) How are the European countries attracting the students from abroad?

(d) Who are coming to India for higher education now?

(e) Pick out the synonyms for the following words from the passage :

(i) Wisdom

(ii) Helpfulness

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