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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course - English

EN 1212.1/EN 1211.2/EN 1211.3 : ENGLISH GRAMMAR USAGE
AND WRITING

(Common for B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. & Career Group Related 2(a) Courses)

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. Bangalore is known as the technology hub of India. (Identify the predicate)
 2. Who can question them? (Change into negative)
 3. It is difficult for me to _____ amid so much noise. (Use the right form of "concentration")
 4. Mohan is too clever to confess his guilt. (Use 'so that')
 5. How innocent the rabbit looks! (Change into assertive)
 6. That the geography of a country influences its history cannot be denied.
(Begin with "It")
 7. We should live where the climate is good. (Identify the subordinate clause)
 8. The Principal looked at the students reproachfully. (Identify the adverb)

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9. Neither you nor we _____ any doubt regarding the matter. (have/has)
10. We waste great deal of the water. (Insert or omit articles wherever necessary)

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. Convert the following into a complex sentence :

- (a) I called him but he did not answer.
- (b) The man standing on the roof-top is my neighbour.

12. Convert the following into a simple sentence :

- (a) He passed on the information and he was glad doing that.
- (b) Though he studied hard he did not fare well in his examinations.

13. Fill in with conjunctions :

- (a) Is that story true _____ false?
- (b) The vase will break _____ you drop it.

14. Change the voice :

- (a) The manger will give you an address.
- (b) All our suggestions have been turned down.

15. Add appropriate question tag :

- (a) Let's go for a walk, _____
- (b) They have no information as yet, _____

16. Change in to comparative degree :

- (a) Only a few other metals are as bright as gold.
- (b) That was the best day of my life.

17. Give the basic pattern of the sentences.
- (a) The boy gave his sister a card.
 - (b) They painted the house grey.
18. Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences :
- (a) needs/civilization/with/man's/advancement/have/of/increased/the
 - (b) published/ has/a/verse/book/he/of
19. Convert the sentences into plural form :
- (a) The candidate knows a language.
 - (b) The woman slapped the mosquito off her arm and shook her head.
20. Rewrite the sentences using the adverbs provided :
- (a) He is better today. (much)
 - (b) She sings well. (enough)
21. Frame questions to get the underlined words as answers :
- (a) The monsoon starts in June.
 - (b) I have three brothers and two sisters.
22. Add an appropriate interrogative pronoun :
- (a) Of these two books, _____ do you prefer?
 - (b) _____ is paying for the tickets?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** of the following as directed :

23. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the tenses:

Mr. George usually _____ (stay) in a hotel when he _____
(come) to town, but this time he _____ (plan) to stay with us. Our family
_____ (enjoy) his visit.

24. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

- (a) My parents did not approve _____ my action.
- (b) The dog is always faithful _____ his master.
- (c) The accident resulted _____ the death of five men.
- (d) She is fond _____ ice cream.
- (e) He intends to compete _____ his brother in the car race.
- (f) The ship is bound _____ England.
- (g) The house is still _____ repair.
- (h) The ship is _____ the way to Singapore.

25. Complete using suitable modals.

- (a) He _____ have been more careful.
- (b) You _____ contact me if you need further details.
- (c) I wish you _____ maintain silence here.
- (d) They _____ respect their elders.

26. Complete using articles :

_____ way in which we write _____ language is not exactly
_____ same as _____ way in which we speak it. _____
foreign learner of _____ English language may be able to read texts
abstruse for _____ average English man and yet have difficulty in
understanding _____ ordinary conversation.

27. Correct the following sentences :

(a) This is one of the best songs that have been composed by Raja.

(b) I congratulate you for your brilliant success.

(c) Shakespeare is the greater of English dramatists.

(d) The guard didn't barely touch the player.

28. Richard wants to be member of a public library. Construct a short dialogue between him and the librarian.

29. Split the sentences into two :

(a) The boy who fell off his bicycle has hurt his leg.

(b) The task which you have to do is easy.

(c) Bring me the book that is lying on the table.

(d) The police having arrived, the mob disappeared.

30. Rewrite the following conversation in indirect speech :

"You'll get caught. You have to be very careful," my friend said to me. "No, I shan't," I said. "I'm not going to run any risks."

31. Draft a questionnaire to be circulated among the students of a college to assess the relevance of co-education in colleges.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** of the following :

32. Write a short essay on Disaster Management.
33. You are the College magazine editor. Draft a report of the activities of the 75th Independence Day celebrations conducted in your college.
34. Construct a story from the given outline :

A king is distressed-his people are lazy-he places a huge stone in the middle of the road at night-next day many pass and go around it – a merchant-a soldier riding-an officer in a carriage-all curse the king-an old lady asks her son to move the stone-a bag full of money-the people were ashamed.

35. Expand the proverb: Every cloud has a silver lining.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

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