

**2021**

(CBCS)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Semester)  
**ENGLISH**

FOUNDATION COURSE  
**[English - I]**

*Full Marks: 60*

*Time: 2 hours*

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

(Please read the instructions carefully before you start writing your answers)

1. Questions should be attempted as per instructions.
2. Do not copy the Questions. Indicate the Section and Question No. clearly while attempting the answer.
3. For Multiple choice answers, candidate should indicate the Question No., Sub. No., (if any) and the correct answer. For example :

1. *Name the State capital of Mizoram.*

(a) *Lunglei*

(b) *Aizawl*

(c) *Champhai*

Candidate should provide answer as—Q. No. 1 : (b) *Aizawl*  
[Candidate should avoid writing only (b) ]

4. Section B - Answer to Short Answer should be limited to **One Page** only.
5. The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

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Choose the correct answer from the following:

1x30=30

**Directions 1-3 :Identify the parts of Speech of the underlined word:**

1. She will not go until he comes to see her off.
  - (a) Adverb
  - (b) Adjective
  - (c) Preposition
  - (d) Conjunction
  
2. I will come back in ten minutes.
  - (a) Adjective
  - (b) Verb
  - (c) Adverb
  - (d) Noun
  
3. He has been working here since 2019.
  - (a) Verb
  - (b) Adverb
  - (c) Preposition
  - (d) Adjective

**Directions 4-6: Identify the tense of the given sentences:**

4. Jane has been working for five hours.
  - (a) Present perfect continuous tense
  - (b) Present perfect tense
  - (c) Past perfect continuous tense
  - (d) Past perfect tense

5. Henry ate a piece of cake.
- (a) Past continuous tense
  - (b) Past perfect continuous tense
  - (c) Past perfect tense
  - (d) Simple past tense
6. She wears a bright yellow dress.
- (a) Simple present tense
  - (b) Simple past tense
  - (c) Present continuous tense
  - (d) Simple future tense

**Directions 7-9: Choose the correct alternative to change the voice**

7. The boy has been scolded by the teacher.
- (a) The teacher have scolded the boy.
  - (b) The teacher scolded the boy.
  - (c) The teacher has scolded the boy.
  - (d) The teacher scolds the boy.
8. They have done the work.
- (a) The work have been done by them
  - (b) The work has been done by them
  - (c) The work had been done by them
  - (d) The work was done by them
9. Who gave you permission to enter?
- (a) By whom were you given permission to enter?
  - (b) By whom given you permission to enter?
  - (c) By whom you had been given permission to enter?
  - (d) By whom was you given permission to enter?

**Directions 10-13 : Change the Direct Speech into Indirect Speech and indirect speech to Direct Speech. Choose the correct answer from the choices provided for each.**

10. Mother said “The Baby always cries when it is hungry”.
- (a) Mother said that the baby always cried when it was hungry.
  - (b) Mother said that the baby always cried when it is hungry.
  - (c) Mother said that the baby is always crying when it is hungry.
  - (d) Mother says that the baby cries when it is hungry.
11. Mawia said, “Hurrah! We have won the match!”
- (a) Mawia exclaimed happily that they had won the match.
  - (b) Mawia exclaimed happily that we had won the match.
  - (c) Mawia exclaimed happily that they have won the match.
  - (d) Mawia exclaimed happily that they had wins the match.
12. The stranger enquired where I lived.
- (a) “Where do I live?” asked the stranger.
  - (b) “Do I live here?” said the stranger.
  - (c) “Where do you lived?” said the stranger.
  - (d) “Where do you live?” asked the stranger
13. I said I didn’t believe him.
- (a) I said to him, “You don’t believe me.”
  - (b) I said to him, “I don’t believe myself.”
  - (c) I said to him, “I don’t believe you.”
  - (d) I said to him, “He don’t believe you.”

**Direction 14-17 : Supply a Verb in agreement with its Subject: -**

14. The house with its contents, ..... sold off.
- (a) has
  - (b) were
  - (c) are
  - (d) was
15. Either Hasan or Fatih \_\_\_\_\_ to the meeting this evening.
- (a) is coming
  - (b) are coming
  - (c) have come
  - (d) comes

16. The weight of the apples \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) were varied
- (b) vary
- (c) varying
- (d) varies

17. The regulations of the administration \_\_\_\_\_ from the curriculum.

- (a) stem
- (b) stems
- (c) stemming
- (d) are stemmed

**Direction 18-21 : Read the following Passage carefully and answer the questions choosing the right one from the options provided.**

**U Thlen**

U Thlen is one of the legendary Khasi gods, whose worship is limited to a few clans and families. The clans who are reputed to be the devotees and worshippers of the Thlen are regarded with aversion and fear throughout the country, and to them are attributed many kinds of atrocities, such as the kidnapping of children, murders and attempted murders, and many are the tales of hair-breadth escapes from the clutches of these miscreants, who are known as Nongshohnohs. According to tradition the Hima (state) of Cherra was, in olden times, the haunt of many famous Bleis (gods) who dominated the lives of men. These deities were said to dwell in certain localities, which in consequence came to be recognized as sacred places, and frequently to be called after the names of the Bleis. Foremost among these gods was U MawlongSiem.

18. What is the other word for 'gods'?

- (a) Blehs
- (b) Bluais
- (c) Buas
- (d) Bleis

19. The miscreants who devote themselves to U Thlen are called:

- (a) Nongshohnohs
- (b) Nongshoohnoohs
- (c) Nongsheehnohs
- (d) Nongsnohhnohs

20. Who was regarded as the foremost among the gods?  
(a) U MahlongSiem  
(b) U MawlongSiem  
(c) U Mahjong Siem  
(d) U MeowlongSiem

21. What is another word for 'state'?  
(a) Hmia  
(b) Hmai  
(c) Hima  
(d) Haim

**Directions 22-24 : Choose the correct answer:**

22. A précis is a clear, concise and orderly \_\_\_\_\_ of a piece of writing.  
(a) Expansion  
(b) Summary  
(c) Explanation  
(d) Analysis

23. The length of a précis should be approximately \_\_\_\_ of the original passage.  
(a) half  
(b) two-third  
(c) one-fifth  
(d) one-third

24. The first step in writing a précis is to read and \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
(a) memorise  
(b) explain  
(c) understand  
(d) write

**Directions 25-30 : Choose the correct answer from the choices provided:**

*(Letter Writing-Job Application Letter, Resume writing, Report Writing, Essay Writing)*

25. Where should the address of the applicant be placed in a job application?  
(a) Bottom right margin  
(b) Bottom left margin  
(c) Top left margin  
(d) Middle of the page

26. The elements of structure of a job application includes:
- (a) Signature
  - (b) Address of the applicant
  - (c) Salutation
  - (d) All of the above
27. The preferred salutation used in a job application for a government job is:
- (a) Dearest Sir
  - (b) Dear Sir
  - (c) Honourable Sir
  - (d) Sir
28. In a resume, the list of names of the persons with whom the applicant has been associated is called:
- (a) References
  - (b) Opportunities
  - (c) Acquaintances
  - (d) Preferences
29. In a resume, this should be included:
- (a) Dietary preferences
  - (b) Name, Address and contact number
  - (c) Political connections
  - (d) None of the above
30. Which of these should be avoided in a good essay?
- (a) Brevity
  - (b) Unity
  - (c) Originality
  - (d) Slang

## SECTION : B – SHORT ANSWER

(Marks : 30)

**Choose and answer any ten (10) questions from the following. (3X10=30)**

1. Make sentences with the word “down” as i) preposition ii) Adjective iii) Verb
2. Use the word “read” in three different sentences changing the tense into
  - i) Simple Present tense
  - ii) Simple Past Tense
  - iii) Future Perfect Tense
3. What do you understand by Active Voice and Passive Voice? Give one example of each.
4. State three rules for changing a Direct Speech to Indirect Speech or vice versa.
5. State three rules for Agreement of the Verb with the Subject(Concord) giving one example for each.
6. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

The 543 elected MPs will be elected from single-member constituencies using first-past-the-post voting. The President of India nominates an additional two members from the Anglo-Indian community if he believes the community is under-represented.

Eligible voters must be Indian citizens, 18 or older, an ordinary resident of the polling area of the constituency and possess a valid voter identification card issued by the Election Commission of India. Some people convicted of electoral or other offences are barred from voting.

Earlier there were speculations that the Modi Government might advance the 2019 general election to counter the anti-incumbency factor, however learning from its past blunder of preponing election made by the Vajpayee Government it decided to go into election as per the normal schedule which was announced by Election Commission of India (ECI) on 10 March 2019, after which Model Code of Conduct was applied with immediate effect.

1. Which word or phrase means “disapproval of current political officeholders” in the passage
2. Since when was the Model Code of Conduct applied with immediate effect?
3. When does the President of India nominate an additional two members from the Anglo-Indian community?



7. Write a précis of the following passage giving a suitable title for the same.

In every country people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and the others are not so good as they are. The Englishman thinks that he and his country are the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French. The Germans and Italians think no less of their countries and many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is wrong, Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. But really there is no person who has not got some good and some bad qualities. In the same way, there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad wherever it may be.

8. State three main rules for writing a précis.
9. What points should you keep in mind while writing a job application letter (cover letter)?
10. What does a resume generally include?
11. What are the classification of Essays? Explain any 3 in one sentence each.
12. Write a short note on any one i) Preface of a Report ii) Main Body of a Report iii) Bibliography

\*\*\*\*\* End of Question \*\*\*\*\*