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(CBCS)

(1st Semester)

ENGLISH

FIRST PAPER

(**English—I**)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

UNIT—I

1. Name the Part of Speech of the underlined words in the following sentences :

1×5=5

(a) He often comes late.

(i) Noun

(ii) Verb

(iii) Adverb

(iv) Adjective

(b) May is usually the hottest month.

(i) Noun

(ii) Verb

(iii) Adjective

(iv) Adverb

(c) My son always forgets to play.

(i) Adverb

(ii) Adjective

(iii) Noun

(iv) Verb

- (d) She is the only daughter of her parents.
(i) Pronoun
(ii) Adjective
(iii) Noun
(iv) Conjunction
- (e) He reached before the appointed time.
(i) Adjective
(ii) Adverb
(iii) Preposition
(iv) Verb

2. Change the following sentence as directed :

1×5=5

She carried her baby in her arms.

- (a) Present indefinite tense
(b) Future indefinite tense
(c) Present continuous tense
(d) Past perfect tense
(e) Present perfect tense

3. Change the voice of the following :

1×5=5

- (a) They were to complete the work.
(b) Her sudden arrival surprised everyone.
(c) Did he send the letter?
(d) The thieves have not been caught.
(e) They made him king.

UNIT—II

4. Change the form of speech :

1×5=5

- (a) She said, "I am waiting for my brother."
(b) He said, "My mother will be back on Friday."
(c) She told him that she would meet him again.
(d) She exclaimed at the beauty of the flowers.
(e) Joseph said, "Can you swim, Papa?"

5. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets :

1×10=10

- (a) The women who went to the theatre _____ (was/were) bored.
(b) The Council of Ministers _____ (has/have) passed the Bill.

- (c) Some of the sugar _____ (are/is) on the table.
- (d) Neither the workers nor the boss _____ (is/are) following the rules.
- (e) Michael is one of those boys who _____ (love/loves) pets.
- (f) The number of students _____ (increase/increases) each year.
- (g) The judge, with his wife and children _____ (has/have) gone home.
- (h) Either the father or his wife _____ (are/is) to be blamed.
- (i) There _____ (is/are) a group of girls outside the classroom.
- (j) Everything _____ (change/changes) with this world.

UNIT—III

- 6.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

In the past, man's worst enemy was nature. He lived under the continual threat of famine and pestilence, a wet summer could bring death to the whole nation and every winter was a menace. Mountains stood like a barrier between people and people, a sea was less a highway than an impassable division. Today nature, though still an enemy, is an enemy almost completely conquered. Modern agriculture assures us of an ample food supply. Modern transportation has made the resources of the entire planet accessible to all its inhabitants. Modern medicine and sanitation allow dense populations to cover the ground without risk of pestilence. True, we are still at the mercy of the more violent natural convulsions. Against earthquake, flood and hurricane man has as yet, devised no adequate protection. At most times, nature is no longer formidable, she has subdued.

- (a) Why was nature man's worst enemy in the past? 2
 - (b) How has modernity helped man? 2
 - (c) What has man not yet succeeded in controlling? 2
 - (d) Give a suitable title to the passage. 2
- 7.** Read the passage given below and make a précis of it. Give a suitable title : 7

One of the most widely spread of bad habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men, often by women, and even by children almost all over the world. It was brought into Europe from America by Sir Walter Raleigh, four centuries ago, and has thence spread everywhere. I very much doubt whether there is any good in the habit, even when tobacco is not used to excess and it is extremely difficult to get rid of the habit once it has been formed.

Alcohol is taken in almost all cool and cold climates, and to a very much less extent in hot ones. Thus, it is taken by people who live in the Himalaya Mountains, but not nearly so much by those who live in the plains of India. Alcohol is not necessary in anyway to anybody. Millions of people are beginning to do without it entirely; and once the United States of America has passed laws which forbid its manufacture or sale throughout the length and breadth of their vast country. In India, it is not required by the people at all, and should be avoided by them altogether. The regular use of alcohol, even in small quantities, tends to cause mischief in many ways to various organs of the body. It affects the liver; it weakens the mental power, and lessens the general energy of the body.

UNIT—IV

8. Write an essay on 'The Value of Discipline in Academic Life' in not more than 300 words. 15

OR

Write a report on the tree plantation drive organized by the eco-club of your college. 15

OR

Reply as X to the advertisement found in 'The Times of India' on 1st November, 2019 : 15

Administrative Officer wanted at Global Foundation Pvt. Ltd. Applicant must hold a Master Degree and three years of office experience. Application letter along with resume must be submitted to the General Manager, Global Foundation Pvt. Ltd., Connaught Place, on or before 20th November, 2019.

UNIT—V

9. Oral communication (to be conducted in the college). 15
