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DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS
GENERAL EDUCATIONAL TEST OF THE S.S.L.C. STANDARD PAPER – I –
GENERAL ENGLISH

(Without Books)

Maximum Time : 2.30 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

NOTE :

- (i) Read and understand each question carefully before answering it.
- (ii) Write down the question numbers correctly in the margin and write your answers against them.
- (iii) Marks will be deducted for over writing the answers.
- (iv) Your answer-book should be neat and legible.

I. Answer any SIX of the following : (6 × 4 = 24)

1. Combine the following sentences using a relative clause. (2 × 2 = 4)

- (a) Those people feel miserable. They try to imitate others. (Use who)
- (b) Time is the most valuable resource. It must be utilised properly. (Use which)

2. Write your own sentences using the given pair of words. (2 × 2 = 4)

- (a) See, sea
- (b) Week, weak.

3. Frame the sentences with the given idioms : (2 × 2 = 4)

- (a) Out of packet
- (b) Take into account.

4. Match the following and write correct order : (4 × 1 = 4)

| Idiom | Meanings |
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| (a) To cash in on | 1. Get nervous |
| (b) As good as gold | 2. Agree |
| (c) See eye to eye | 3. To take advantage |
| (d) Get cold fest | 4. Very well behaved |

5. Match the phrasal verb with correct meaning : (4 × 1 = 4)
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| (a) Put up with | 1. Oppose |
| (b) Quarrel with | 2. Tolerate |
| (c) Hang around | 3. Started suddenly |
| (d) Broke out | 4. More with no aim |
6. Use the word 'sign' in your own sentences as noun and verb. (2 × 2 = 4)
7. Use the word 'file' in your own sentences as noun and verb. (2 × 2 = 4)
8. Use the following word in sentences of your own as directed. (2 × 2 = 4)
Play – as noun and verb.
- II. Answer any SIX of the following : (6 × 6 = 36)
9. Write a paragraph using out lines in about 100 words : (1 × 6 = 6)
Temperature increase _____ year by year _____ season changes _____ monsoon
_____ fails _____ rainfall _____ impair _____ glacier melts _____ sea
level increases _____ cutting trees _____ save forest _____ develop _____
social forest.
10. Make sentences of your own with the following words and phrases. (3 × 2 = 6)
- (a) An array of
(b) On the rear side of
(c) Divine.
11. Rewrite as directed : (3 × 2 = 6)
- (a) Muthu is a man of great courage (using 'who')
(b) How I wish I were invited to the party (as a statement)
(c) Father does scold me sometimes (as a negative sentence).
12. Rewrite the following sentences adding '-ing' to the appropriate verb. (3 × 2 = 6)
- (a) It was very painful, so I had to stay in bed
(b) I could not walk so I was taken in a wheel chair
(c) I gained my strength and I started playing again.

13. Complete the phrases with those given under sentences. (6 × 1 = 6)

1. If he studied well _____.
2. If he went late _____.
3. If I won a lottery _____.
4. If it got out of the gate _____.
5. If I had a laptop, _____.
6. If I were a millionaire, _____.

- (a) I would help the poor
- (b) The dog would bite us
- (c) He would pass the exam
- (d) I would gain more knowledge
- (e) I would buy a BMW car
- (f) He would not get water.

14. Rewrite the sentences given below, using the words given in brackets. (3 × 2 = 6)

- (a) Nathan never listens to me (hardly)
- (b) Rajan writes to his mother only once in three months (rarely)
- (c) Buses do not stop here often (seldom).

15. Spot the error and rewrite the sentences correctly. (6 × 1 = 6)

- (a) Though he is ill, but he is present
- (b) Hemu prefers coffee than tea
- (c) He always travels in air
- (d) He died with flu
- (e) He went to upstairs.
- (f) Kiran is so ill to go to school.

III. Answer any FOUR of the following : (4 × 10 = 40)

16. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below : (5 × 2 = 10)

The black box or the Flight Data Recorder is actually painted a bright red or orange for easier location after a crash. The FDR is encased in heavy steel and surrounded by multiple layers of installation to provide protection against a crash, fire and extreme climatic conditions. The device records actual flight conditions, including altitude, air speed, heading, vertical acceleration and aircraft pitch. A second device, the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) keeps tabs on cockpit conversations and engine noise. Both are installed in the rear of the aircraft.

- (a) How is the black box protected?
- (b) What is the use of the black box?
- (c) What is the colour of the black box?
- (d) Where do you find the black box in a plane?
- (e) What does the CVR device in a plane record?

17. Write an essay in about 250 words on any ONE of the topics : (1 × 10 = 10)

- (a) Rain water harvesting
- (b) Merits and demerits of Internet
- (c) Health is wealth.

18. Write an essay in about 250 words (any one) : (1 × 10 = 10)

- (a) Strike the iron when it is hot
- (b) Save the earth
- (c) Impacts of games applications on children.

19. Write an essay in about 250 words (any one) : (1 × 10 = 10)

- (a) Plant trees
- (b) Is cricket necessary for India?
- (c) Too many cooks spoil the broth.

20. Write a letter to the Collector of Chennai expressing her wish to contribute some funds she had collected for the victims of a recent flood in her city. (1 × 10 = 10)