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English – Main

Skill Based Subject – ECO ENGLISH

(For those who joined in July 2017-2020)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. A story about great people who actually never lived is a _____.
(a) mythology (b) anthology
(c) fable (d) parable

2. Choose the correct meaning for the word "imposter".
 - (a) People appearing in posters
 - (b) One who prints posters
 - (c) Someone who deceives by pretending to be someone else
 - (d) None
3. Which letter is silent in the word "autumn"?
 - (a) a
 - (b) u
 - (c) m
 - (d) n
4. Choose the appropriate word; A _____ of whales.
 - (a) flock
 - (b) school
 - (c) stud
 - (d) band
5. A violent tropical storm in which strong winds move in a circle is a _____.
 - (a) tornado
 - (b) landslide
 - (c) typhoon
 - (d) hurricane
6. When is the "World Ozone Day" celebrated?
 - (a) June 5
 - (b) September 16
 - (c) March 22
 - (d) October 22

7. Select the suitable relative pronoun : This a man _____ scolds everyone.
 - (a) that
 - (b) who
 - (c) whose
 - (d) which
8. Supply the suitable word : The Psalmist says that the word of God is _____ than honey.
 - (a) sweet
 - (b) sweeter
 - (c) more sweet
 - (d) sweetest
9. 'What a pity that Tsunami claimed so many live!' This expresses _____.
 - (a) compliment
 - (b) suggestion
 - (c) sympathy
 - (d) apology
10. Choose the correct word: A small amount of food that is attached on the hook during fishing is called a _____.
 - (a) bait
 - (b) quarry
 - (c) tripwire
 - (d) snare

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Mark the syllables and stress in the following words :

- (i) Pompous
- (ii) Approached
- (iii) Global
- (iv) Reflection
- (v) Thundered.

Or

- (b) Explain the difference between the following words :

- (i) arc/arch
- (ii) rebellion/agitation
- (iii) industrial/industrious
- (iv) pigeon/dove
- (v) weight/wait.

12. (a) Match the words with their meanings :

(5 × ½ = 2½)

- (i) (1) Debate – Threat
- (2) Menace – Process of making something new
- (3) Illicit – To stop something from happening
- (4) Creation – Discussion between people with different opinions
- (5) Prevent – Against law or rule
- (ii) Give the antonyms of the following :

(5 × ½ = 2½)

- (1) Melancholy
- (2) Luck
- (3) Tender
- (4) Raucous
- (5) Kill.

Or

- (b) List five things you should/shouldn't do in the college campus.

13. (a) Select any five idioms of your choice and explain them.

Or

- (b) (i) Can you make 4 words from the letters contained in the word 'neighbour'? (1)
(ii) Frame sentences using each of the following words as verbs and noun: (2)
(1) Waste
(2) Control.
(iii) Write the American equivalents for the following words: (2)
(1) Shop
(2) Petrol
(3) Movie
(4) Patrolman.

14. (a) Answer as directed :

- (i) Close the windows (Rewrite using 'let')
(ii) We shall go to the library (Rewrite using let's)
(iii) Put in the correct form 's or s' : ($2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$)
(1) Children - Cotton clothes are in the cupboard
(2) This is a girl - School.

- (iv) Select the correct answer: ($2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$)

- (1) She _____ her bag on the desk. (laid, is laying)
(2) She _____ for a long time in that position. (laid, lie)

- (v) Convert the adjective into adverb and arrange the words in the correct form :
told-her-Sheela-sad-story.

Or

- (b) (i) Fill up the blanks with correct tense: (3)

- (1) He _____ (swim) in the pool.
(2) The bird _____ (fly) away.
(3) He _____ (need) a lot of money.

- (ii) Fill in each blank with an expression that goes with 'put': ($4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$)

- (1) I don't blame you for _____ our trip.
(2) I can't _____ with his violence any longer.
(3) Be sure to _____ the fire before you leave.
(4) She _____ her dress slowly.

15. (a) Imagine that you are the secretary of a non-political and non-profit group called Friends of the Earth (FOE). To make people aware of the key issues about environment preservation, write a one-page publicity material for FOE.

Or

- (b) All the animals gather together and start preparing posters for a campaign against Man. Help them to prepare five posters.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Read up passage and answer the following questions :

Once upon an unfortunate time, there were some hairy things called 'human beings'. Along with them were other hairy beings called 'animals', 'birds', and 'insects'. Humans had a larger brain which made them think they were superior to all other species.

So, human beings started hunting and killing animals and eating them. Even among human beings some humans (particulars men) thought they were superior to all others. They used their muscle power and become leaders. Some brainy ones started cultivating land and growing food.

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After a while, these leader-men said, 'There is no need for us to work. We will make all others work'. They made others till the land and made then grow enough food. The leader-men took the major share and gave just enough to survive to those who did the cultivation. Some tiny animals, birds and insects like rabbits, rats, mice, sparrows, doves and parrots were caught eating the crops cultivated by men; so, the men said, 'These are a menace. We must kill them'. They called them 'pests' and killed them in addition to the 'wild' animals. In every country man killed all, what they called 'wild' life.

Soon, when human beings (both men and women) multiplied in large numbers, there was shortage of food. When there was shortage of food, the leader-men and others started killing more animals and birds like eagles, crows, snakes and even wild animals. They cut down all trees and brought more land for cultivation and making instruments. Forests disappeared. They emptied all lakes and occupied the land to construct their dwelling places. They destroyed mountains to get more minerals and other materials like granite, marble, stones, etc.

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All the natural resources disappeared. All animals, birds, and insects disappeared. There was shortage of food, water, fresh air and even space. Human beings multiplied. The world became crowded with human beings. There was no space even to lie down; so, they had to sleep standing up. They started fighting among themselves.

One day, some men saw some new creatures stealing their crops. These creatures were called 'greedy people', the ones below the poverty line', 'the uncivilized', 'beggars' 'robbers', etc.,

'These creatures are a menace!' declared the leader-men and they must be....

- (i) At what time of the year does the story happen?
- (ii) Who is the 'hero' of the story? Is the 'hero' a hero or a villain or both or neither?
- (iii) What are the activities of the leader-men mentioned in the story?
- (iv) Why should 'they' sleep standing?
- (v) Who are the ones referred to as 'a menace'? Are they 'creatures'?
- (vi) Do you like the story? Can you write a few sentences about your impression of the story?

(vii) What, according to you, is the moral of the story?

(viii) Are there 'leader men' in our society now? Can you make some of them and mention their activities?

Or

- (b) Write a summary of the passage and give a suitable title :

I am a talking parrot. My name is Mitthu and this is my story.

I was captured from a forest in a far off place. I have a long golden tail and green wings I have reddish eyes. After I was caught the catchers put me in a cage and stuck a price sticker on it. The catchers sold me to a person who was a smuggler. He put me in another container along with my friends. Then they took us to the airport. We were loaded into the plane and were taken to India.

When we reached India we were taken to a railway station, put in a train and brought to Chennai. We were loaded in a truck and sent to different pet shops. I was put in a beautiful cage which was put on the shelf for display in the shop.

I was excited to see so many people and animals around me. On the shelf I made some friends. I was expensive as I was the prettiest parrot. The next day a small, cute little girl came to the shop and started looking at the various pets in the shop.

The girl saw me and ran to her parents and told them to buy me for her as it was her birthday. I was very happy. They purchased me. The girl was very happy to get me.

She took good care of me. She took me along with her to her friend's place. She played with me every day. I was kept on a table beside her bed. I was very important to her. After a few days, I started getting dirty and she lost interest in me. I wanted her to wash me but she never did. At that time, her uncle from America got her a video game. She became so busy playing with the video game that she completely forgot me.

After a few days, she didn't pay any attention to me. Today, my cage lies in a corner along with her other discarded toys. I hope I'll get out of my cage one day and will be free again.

17. (a) Let's imagine that you are the Sun, the highest authority in the solar system. The Planet Earth has been murdered by man by slow poisoning. You (the Sun) lodge a complaint to the Supreme Power Court of law holding man responsible for the earth's death.

Or

- (b) Imagine that you got the opportunity to talk to the earth. The earth is very sad about whatever is happening to her. How will you console her? Write a dialogue between you and the earth about whatever happened.
18. (a) "The Ganges is one of the well-known holy rivers on this planet". Write an essay about its present condition.

Or

- (b) Write down the story of the movie that you have seen recently.
19. (a) Answer as directed :
- (i) Sunil said to the teacher, "I've finished my work" (convert into indirect speech)
 - (ii) He told his wife that he would be late (convert into direct speech)

- (iii) Write two sentences on the basis of the structure :

Subject + verb + complement. (noun + adv + adj)

- (iv) A scientist has written the paper.
(convert into passive)
- (v) The gate was painted by my nephew.
(convert into active)
- (vi) The boy who _____ near the window _____ in the house opposite mine. (Stand / live) (Supply the suitable tense form of the verbs)
- (vii) There were a lot of students at the meeting. (Frame question to the sentence).
- (viii) Andaman and Nicobar Islands _____ one of the most beautiful _____ on earth. (be, place) (Fill in the blanks with the proper form of words given in the brackets).

Or

- (b) Identify the mistakes and correct them :

- (i) In January 13th, I will be twenty
- (ii) I am unable to cope up with new banking system.

- (iii) My father bought new furnitures to our new house.

- (iv) This is superior than that

- (v) We enjoyed the beautiful sceneries at Kodaikanal.

- (vi) There are less cakes now

- (vii) What you are going to do during your semester leave?

- (viii) Today's news are interesting.

20. (a) 'Environmental pollution is a result of our mental pollution'. Do you agree with this statement? What are the factors that contribute to the pollution of our mind?

Or

- (b) By the year 2021, many cities in India will have no space for people even to move about; there may be settlements in space. Describe the calamity that is going to take place very soon. Talk about the population increase, shortage of food and other natural resources, housing, shortage of water and suggest possible solutions.