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U.G. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026.

Second Semester

Part II — English

GENERAL ENGLISH – II

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Edgar Albert Guest is known as the _____

(a) Nature poet (b) People's poet

(c) Great poet (d) Elite's poet

2. According to Hughes, the _____ burns his skin.

(a) Pole star (b) Earth

(c) Moon (d) Sun

3. Who is the protagonist of Kristin Hunter's short story, "The Scribe"?

(a) Tony (b) Pony

(c) Ramsay (d) James

4. The princess in "The Lady or the Tiger" likes the lover because he is _____

(a) Handsome and brave

(b) Intelligent

(c) Kind

(d) Gentle

5. Who gifted the narrator a frock material in "How I taught my Grandmother to Read"?

(a) Her brother (b) Her sister

(c) Her Grandmother (d) Her Grandfather

6. According to Kalam, _____ helps one to tap and develop great potential strength and ability?

(a) Isolation (b) Prayer

(c) Anxiety (d) Rejection

7. Which of the following sentences uses the present perfect tense correctly?

(a) I was seeing that movie yesterday.

(b) I saw that movie yesterday.

(c) I have seen that movie already.

(d) I have seen that movie yesterday.

8. Identify the sentence that uses past continuous tense correctly.

(a) She sleeps when I called her.

(b) She slept when I was calling her.

(c) She is sleeping when I called her.

(d) She was sleeping when I called her

9. What should be avoided in professional emails?

(a) Formal salutations

(b) Abbreviations and slang

(c) Clear subject lines

(d) Polite language

10. What is recorded in the minutes of the meeting?

(a) Key points discussed and decisions made

(b) Attendance details of all employees

(c) Future meeting schedules only

(d) Personal opinions of participants

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What, according to Guest, is the mistake of the struggles?

Or

(b) Describe Rip Van Winkle's 20 years long nap.

12. (a) Sketch the character of 'The Barbarous King' in "The Lady, or the Tiger".

Or

(b) How was the speaker gnawed by a feeling of guilt in "The Snake"?

13. (a) Describe the efforts of Kimana to win the sky maiden.

Or

(b) Describe the hardships encountered by Kalam to attain his dream.

14. (a) Fill up the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets :

(i) Bread and butter _____ (be) my breakfast.

(ii) Knowledge and power _____ (make) a man great.

(iii) Slow and steady _____ (win) the race.

(iv) Bacon and eggs _____ (be) served.

(v) Sincerity and hard work _____ (help) a man to grow.

Or

(b) Fill up the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets :

(i) We _____ (visit) Delhi last year.

(ii) I _____ (play) tennis every day.

(iii) I _____ (meet) her, next month.

(iv) They _____ (paint) the house very soon.

(v) The burglar _____ (escape) before the police arrived.

15. (a) Discuss the purpose of writing minutes.

Or

(b) Draft a memo to an employee for his being habitually late.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Comment on the significance of the title "Engine Trouble".

Or

(b) How does Hughes challenge white supremacy in his poem, "Still Here"?

17. (a) Justify the role of James as a scribe in "The Scribe".

Or

(b) Analyse the theme of individuality and the significance of choice in "The Road not Taken".

18. (a) Discuss the significance of education and its transformative power in "How I taught my Grandmother to Read".

Or

(b) Attempt an essay on the childhood experiences of Kalam.

19. (a) Fill up the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets :

(i) Thousand kilometres _____ (be) not a long distance now a days.

(ii) Two thousand students in a college _____ (be) the normal strength.

(iii) 3 Four rupees _____ (be) charged for a cup of coffee.

(iv) Thirty days _____ (make) a month.

(v) Two thirds of the M.L.A.s _____ (form) the assembly.

(vi) No salary or bonus _____ (be) given to the workers in the factory.

(vii) Either my sister or my brother _____ (have) failed in the exam.

(viii) Raman or Anil _____ (do) the work.

Or

(b) Choose the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

(i) The children _____ (play) in the park.

(ii) She _____ (do) her homework before dinner every day.

(iii) They _____ (go) to the museum tomorrow.

(iv) Rohan _____ (go) to his friend's house yesterday.

(v) I _____ (have) breakfast when you called me.

(vi) She _____ (complete) her project by next week.

(vii) The teacher _____ (teach) the lesson now.

(viii) We _____ (watch) the movie last night.

20. (a) Write the Minutes of Meeting of the Student's Union Council.

Or

(b) Write an Email to your friend congratulating him/her on the success in UPSC Examination.

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Fourth Semester

Part II – English

GENERAL ENGLISH – IV

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Why does Adeline's father send her to study in England in the Life Story "*From Chinese Cinderella*"?
   (a) He believes in her potential
   (b) He wants to get rid of her
   (c) She wins a scholarship
   (d) She begs him to send her abroad

2. What is one of Sharma's key messages about personal growth from the Essay "*On Personal Mastery*"?
   (a) It is a one-time achievement
   (b) It requires lifelong commitment and effort
   (c) It depends only on intelligence
   (d) It happens automatically without effort

3. What happens when the Kabuliwala returns to see Mini after his release from prison?
   (a) She recognizes him immediately
   (b) She is afraid of him and does not remember him
   (c) She runs to him with joy
   (d) She refuses to meet him

4. Who reveals Portia's true identity after the trial in the play of "*Merchant of Venice*"?
   (a) Nerissa
   (b) Bassanio
   (c) Antonio
   (d) The Duke of Venice

5. What role does irony play in the poem *Pride*?
   (a) The stones, which seem unbreakable, eventually crack under unseen forces
   (b) The speaker mocks the idea of strength and resilience
   (c) The poem suggests that weakness is more powerful than strength
   (d) The stones are actually fragile from the beginning

6. What is the setting of *The Giant's Wife*?
   (a) A magical castle (b) A giant's house
   (c) A small village (d) A deep forest

7. Had she known about the meeting, she _____ earlier. (Simple Sentence)
   (a) would come (b) would have come
   (c) will come (d) had come

8. Despite the fact that he was sick, he to work.(Complex Sentence)
   (a) goes (b) went
   (c) going (d) gone

9. Which sentence best fits a narrative report?
   (a) "The data shows an increase in productivity."
   (b) "I was walking home when I heard a loud noise behind me."
   (c) "The company's revenue increased by 20%."
   (d) "Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius."

10. How can humor be used effectively in a welcome speech?
    (a) By keeping it light and relevant
    (b) By making fun of the audience
    (c) By telling an unrelated joke
    (d) By using sarcasm

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL the questions by choosing (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What does Orwell mean by "political purpose" in writing in "*Why I Write*"?

Or

(b) How does the essay reflect Hazlitt's personal philosophy on human existence in "*On the Love of Life*"?

12. (a) How does the conversation between the narrator and the taxi driver reflect the drivers personality in "*The Taxi Driver*"?

Or

(b) How does the trial scene contribute to the overall themes of *The Merchant of Venice*?

13. (a) How does Maya Angelou's personal experiences reflect in the poem "*Phenomenal woman*"?

Or

(b) What is the role of sacrifice in *The Princess and the God*? How does the princess's understanding of sacrifice evolve throughout the narrative?

14. (a) Explain the difference between compound and complex sentences. Provide at least two examples for each.

Or

(b) Fill in the blank with the correct conjunction.

(i) "She wanted to go to the concert, _____ she couldn't get tickets."

(ii) "I finished my homework, _____ I still went out with my friends."

(iii) "He likes to read books, _____ he prefers watching movies." (but / or)

(iv) "The sun was setting, _____ we decided to leave the park." (and / so)

(v) "I am going to the store, _____ I need to buy some groceries." (but / because)

15. (a) Write a newspaper report on the opening of a new shopping mall in your town.

Or

(b) You have attended the Onam celebration at your college, which featured cultural performances, traditional rituals, and an Onam feast. As the student representative, you have been asked to deliver the vote of thanks.

. PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) What role does education play in Adeline's life in *Chinese Cinderella*? How does it affect her relationship with her family?

Or

(b) *In Personal Mastery*, Robin Sharma emphasizes the importance of solitude and reflection. How can these practices lead to clarity and personal development?

17. (a) Discuss the central theme of *The Taxi Driver* by K.S. Duggal. How does the story explore the complexities of human nature?

Or

(b) Discuss the impact of the trial scene on the overall plot of the play "*The Merchant of Venice*". How do the events of the trial change the characters and their relationships?

18. (a) Examine how Dahlia Ravikovitch portrays the theme of pride in her poem "*Pride*". How does the speaker's sense of pride evolve throughout the poem, and what does it reveal about their character?

Or

(b) Examine the role of humor in The Giant's *Wife*. How does Carleton use humor to soften the tension between the characters, and what deeper messages about fear or bravery does the humor convey?

19. (a) Discuss the importance of simple sentences in effective communication with examples.

Or

(b) Write five complex sentences that include relative clauses (*who, whom, whose, which, that*).

20. (a) Prepare a narrative report on the challenges faced by students in online learning.

Or

(b) What should be highlighted in a Welcome Address for an award function?

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