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Duration: Three hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

PART A - (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Identify the parts of speech for the underlined words: CO1-App  
The kitten is hiding \_\_\_\_\_ the table.  
(a) for (b) up (c) under (d) along
2. Fill in the blank with appropriate verb: CO1-App  
The farmer \_\_\_\_\_ the whole neighbourhood with fruit and vegetables.  
(a) supplied (b) were supplied (c) have supplied (d) supplying
3. Use a single word that substitutes the following phrase: CO1-App  
The first speech delivered by a person.  
(a) Extempore (b) Maiden speech (c) Oration (d) Speech
4. Fill in the blanks with suitable tense forms from the options given: CO1-App  
I \_\_\_\_\_ a book when you called.  
(a) has read (b) will read (c) can read (d) was reading
5. Complete the word in the blank using the correct suffix. CO1-App  
The stranger had a strange appear \_\_\_\_ (-ing, -ance, -less, -dis)
6. He is \_\_\_\_\_ the pressure of being removed \_\_\_\_\_ the post CO1-App  
which he is holding at present.  
(a) at,on (b) from,under (c) under, at (d) under, from

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunction: CO1-App  
 You won't pass the test \_\_\_\_\_ you study.  
 (a) whether (b) unless (c) more (d) less
8. Make sentences using any two of the following phrasal verbs: CO1-App  
 (a) back up (b) put off (c) call off (d) get over
9. Guess the meaning of word in bold from the context. Choose the option from the options given: CO1-App  
 A balanced diet is **Crucial** for maintaining one's health and fitness.  
 (a) Peripheral (b) necessary (c) optional (d) unnecessary
10. Read the following sentence and correct the errors. CO1-App  
 Sita could not understands what the teacher was saying.

PART – B (5 x 2= 10 Marks)

11. State the difference between prefix and suffix with examples. CO1- App
12. Write any two sentences for common Noun. CO1- App
13. Define Abstract noun. CO1- App
14. Write two examples for Adjectives of Quantity. CO1- App
15. What is Scanning? CO2-App

PART – C (5 x 16= 80 Marks)

16. (a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions: CO2-App (16)  
 Philadelphia is a city known for many things. It is where the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, and it was also the first capital of the United States. But one fact about Philadelphia is not so well-known: it is how to nearly 3,000 murals painted on the sides of homes and buildings around the city. In fact, **it is said** that Philadelphia has more murals than any other city in the world, **with the exception o Rome**. How did this come to be?  
 More than 20 years ago, a New Jersey artist named Golden started a program pairing troubled youth with artists to paint murals on a few buildings around the city. From this small project, something magical happened. The young people involved helped to create magnificent pieces of art, but there were other, perhaps more important benefits. The young learned to collaborate

and get along with many different kinds of people during the various steps required to paint and design a mural. They learned to be responsible; because they needed to follow a schedule to make sure the murals were completed. They also learned to take pride in their community. It is hard for any resident to see the spectacular designs and not feel proud to be a part of Philadelphia.

Take a walk around some of the poorest neighborhoods in Philadelphia, neighborhoods full of broken windows and littered front steps, and you will find beautiful works of art on the sides and fronts of buildings. Of course, the murals are not just in poor neighborhoods, but more **affluent** ones as well. Special buses take tourists to different parts of the city to see the various murals, which range from huge portraits of historical heroes, to cityscapes, to scenes depicting the diverse ethnic groups that call Philadelphia home.

As a result of its success, the mural program created by Jane Golden has now become the nation's largest public art program and a model for other cities throughout the country seeking to help troubled youth.

(a) Answer the following questions:

(i) The main focus of the passage is

1. An art program designed to help troubled youth.
2. The many tourists who come to Philadelphia to see murals.
3. The reasons why Philadelphia is a unique city.
4. How Jane Golden came up with the idea to start a mural program.

(ii) As used in paragraph I, the phrase “it is said “suggests that the author is

1. Knowingly misleading the reader.
2. Using a quote from someone else
3. Referring to something that is widely believed, but may be untrue.
4. Referring to something that he or she does not personally believe.

(iii) The phrase “with the exception of Rome” in paragraph I means that

1. Rome has fewer murals than Philadelphia
2. Philadelphia has fewer murals than Rome
3. Rome has the most beautiful murals of all

4. Rome and Philadelphia are the only cities with murals.
- (iv) According to the passage, the murals in Philadelphia
1. Instill responsibility and pride in the people who paint them
  2. Are solely designed by the youth who paint them
  3. Painted by only famous artists
  4. Has been painted by Government.
- (v) The word affluent in paragraph 3 means?
1. Popular
  2. Clean
  3. well – known
  4. Wealthy
- (vi) Based on information in the passage, the author most likely believes that
1. There are too many murals in Philadelphia
  2. The mural program was an inspirational idea
  3. All troubled youth should learn how to paint
  4. Every city in the country should adopt the mural program.
- (vii) From the given passage, it can be inferred that the author believes the two best reasons for other cities to adopt the mural program are to
1. Beautify their city and draw tourists
  2. Help troubled youth and beautify their city
  3. Have as many murals as Philadelphia and help troubled youth.
  4. Draw tourists and surpass Philadelphia in terms of number of murals.
- (viii) The mural program started by Jane Golden was
1. Successful
  2. A failure
  3. Not popular
  4. Not supported by people

17. (a) Read the passage given below and do note making and supply a suitable title to it. CO3- App (16)

How does television affect our lives? It can be very helpful to people who carefully choose the shows that they watch. Television can increase our knowledge of the outside world; there are high quality programmes that help us understand many fields of study,

science, medicine, the different arts and so on. Moreover, television benefits very old people, who can't leave the house, as well as patients in hospitals. It also offers non-native speakers the advantage of daily informal language practice. They can increase their vocabulary and practice listening. On the other hand, there are several serious disadvantages of television. Of course, it provides us with a pleasant way to relax and spend our free time, but in some countries people watch television for an average of six hours or more a day. Many children stare at the TV screen for more hours a day than they spend on anything else, including studying and sleeping. It's clear that TV has a powerful influence on their lives and that its influence is often negative.

Recent studies show that after only thirty seconds of television viewing, a person's brain 'relaxes' the same way that it does just before the person falls asleep. Another effect of television on the human brain is that it seems to cause poor concentration. Children who view a lot of television can often concentrate on a subject for only fifteen to twenty minutes. They can pay attention only for the amount of time between commercials. Another disadvantage is that television often causes people to become dissatisfied with their own lives. Real life does not seem so exciting to these people. To many people, television becomes more real than reality and their own lives seem boring. Also many people get upset or depressed when they can't solve problems in real life as quickly as television actors seem to. Before a child is fourteen years old, he or she views eleven thousand murders on the TV. He or she begins to believe that there is nothing strange about fights, killings and other kinds of violence. Many studies show that people become more violent after viewing certain programmes. They may even do the things that they see in a violent show.

Or

- (b) The world faces energy crisis. Write two paragraphs not exceeding 200 words about solving this problem by using alternative source of energy. CO3- App (16)

18. (a) Rearrange the jumbled sentences in a logical order. CO3- App (16)
- (a) Again, it is rarely sufficient for an advertiser simply to amuse the target audience in order to reap the sales benefit.
  - (b) There are indications that in substituting the hard sell for a more entertaining approach; some agencies have rather thrown out the baby with the bath water.
  - (c) Making people laugh is tricky.
  - (d) Therefore, it requires a balance of humour and the ability to convince the audience that the product is good enough to be purchased.
  - (e) This is because the commercial can fall flat on many grounds.
  - (f) There are many advertisements which do amuse but do not even being to set the cash tills ringing.
  - (g) Making people laugh while trying to sell them something is a tougher challenge particularly when the medium is through a commercial.
  - (h) At times, the intended humour may simply not come off.
- Or
- (b) Write a letter to your friend about a book that you have read recently and also suggest this book for your friend to read in his summer vacation by reviewing the book in your letter. CO3- App (16)
19. (a) Write a set of Eight Instructions to be followed in the Interview. CO3-App (16)
- Or
- (b) Write a set of Eight Instructions to maintain Our Body Healthy. CO3-App (16)
20. (a) Write an essay not exceeding 300 words discussing about the importance of Internet in the contemporary society. CO3-App (16)
- Or
- (b) Write a Report on your recent Industrial visit to your Head of the department. CO5-App (16)



