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Paper – I : MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE
(2013 Admission)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

_____ boy living next door to us is _____ expert musician. He recently won _____ award for his performance and is expecting to get _____ fellowship from _____ government.

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b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

The secretary will be _____ leave _____ a week _____ tomorrow. _____ his absence, his duties will be performed _____ the deputy secretary.

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II. Insert the adjectives / adverbs given in brackets in the appropriate order :

1) My father bought me a bike. (red, second-hand, Yamaha)

2) He lives in a house. (small, concrete, blue)

3) I like those paintings. (mural, Indian, traditional)

4) That is what I meant. (exactly)

5) She is waiting for her brother's letter. (eagerly)

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III. Correct the following sentences :

1) I am thinking that I made a mistake.

2) We saw some sheeps grazing in the field.

3) I have seen Mini yesterday.

4) Sleeping in the garden, a scorpion bit him.

5) His older brother is a doctor.

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IV. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from those given in brackets :

- 1) _____ people were on the roads as it was raining heavily. (few; a few)
- 2) _____ of the boys was present. (neither; either)
- 3) There is _____ chance of him winning the game. (little; less)
- 4) The _____ part of the report is more useful than the _____ (latter; former; later)
- 5) There is hardly _____ news from his brother. (some; any)

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V. Complete the following :

- 1) If I had known this ...
- 2) If he had told me ...
- 3) Hearing the news, ...
- 4) No sooner did he hear about it ...
- 5) Walking in the rain,...

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VI. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets :

A man (cross) the road when a speeding car (hit) him. He (fall) down on the road. People (gather) around him and (offer) help. They (stop) a passing car and (send) the man to hospital. Meanwhile, the police (arrive) and (ask) the people how the accident (happen).

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VII. Rewrite as directed :

- 1) He has completed the work. (Add a suitable question tag)
- 2) He is famous for being very *generous* to those who come to him for help. (Rewrite using the noun form of the word in italics)
- 3) It was a big surprise. (Change into an exclamatory sentence)
- 4) The principal went to Chennai yesterday. (Change into an interrogatory sentence)
- 5) The principal heard about the incident. He rushed to the spot. (Combine into a simple sentence)
- 6) Babu ran away to avoid arrest. (Change into a complex sentence)
- 7) "You can get the photographs tomorrow", said the photographer to me. (Convert to indirect speech)



- 8) No other animal is as useful as the elephant. (Change into the comparative degree)
- 9) The guide showed the tourist all the places of importance. (Change into the passive)
- 10) The chief guest inaugurated the college union. (Pick out the subject of the sentence)

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VIII. Write a précis of the following passage :

There is a false idea that a man must live up to his position. It is said that one's house, furniture and dress should inform the world of one's rank. This idea is foolish. Throw it aside. Find out what you want, and spend money on that; find out what you do not care about, and spend nothing on such things. Find out by practical tests what you really want and enjoy. A man who has not experienced ups and downs, a man who has not been forced to live more cheaply than in former times, has still his education to begin. Let the experiment be made. He will find to his surprise that he has been eating more than was necessary; that the cheap lodging, the rough clothes, the plain food, give him as much pleasure as the costly things that he had previously enjoyed.

The happy man is he who lives wholly in himself. He does what he wishes and not what is thought proper by others. He buys what he wants for himself and not what others expect him to buy. He works at what he believes he can do well and not what will bring him money or favour.

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IX. a) Construct a story from the following outline :

Two women with a child...before king Solomon...each claims the child her own...Solomon orders child cut in two...one half to be given to each...one woman cries: "Don't cut the child...offers to give up claim...Solomon says :"
She is the mother...orders child to be given to her.

OR

b) Expand the following proverb :

Rome was not built in a day.

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X. Write a paragraph of **120** words on **any one** of the following :

- a) The evils of consumer culture
- b) Significance of Animal Rights Movements
- c) Road safety.

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