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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 :

Mary suddenly let out _____ frightened scream. She had felt _____ cold object brush past her face. We told her that it was probably _____ owl or _____ bat, and warned her to look out for potholes along _____ path.

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b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

I was on drugs once. I was conscious _____ what I was doing but I didn't care. I ended up _____ no money, no hope. One day, a friend spotted me in this state. He got me to a counsellor and stayed _____ my side till I recovered _____ my addiction. He never gave up on me.

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II. Insert adjectives/adverbs in appropriate order :

1) Raise your arm as _____ as you can (high/highly)

2) She is a _____ dancer. (graceful/gracefully)

3) Vinayakan is a _____ actor (brilliant/brilliantly). He acted _____ (excellent/excellently).

4) Today is _____ cold. (awful/awfully).

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III. Correct the following sentences.

1) We are playing tennis every day.

2) Hardly had I reached the station when the train has been coming.

3) Neither of the boys have returned.

4) I am not used to drive in busy streets.

5) I will call you before I will leave.

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IV. Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in brackets.

- 1) Have you got any money ? Yes, _____ (little/a little)
- 2) She knew nothing about movies; she had seen _____ movies in her life. (few/a few)
- 3) She was sitting _____ me for more than an hour. (beside/besides)
- 4) There is a bus _____ two hours. (each/every)
- 5) Although he's very ill, he didn't take _____ medicine. (any/some) 5

V. Complete the following sentences by adding suitable noun clauses.

- 1) I could never understand _____.
 - 2) _____ is great indeed !
 - 3) You can eat _____.
 - 4) Do you know _____ ?
 - 5) Pay careful attention to _____.
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VI. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs given in the brackets.

Coffee is a beverage _____ (drink) by many past generations of people. What most people do not realize is that coffee is _____ (make) from beans _____ (pick) from trees.

Coffee trees are _____ (grow) either from seeds or cuttings. These trees will begin to bear crops when they are about four years old. Workers on coffee plantations pick the beans by hand. After the beans _____ (gather), they are _____ (roast) at high temperatures. This process _____ (give) them their fragrance. The best coffee is made from freshly _____ (grind) beans. There are many different ways of _____ (prepare) coffee. Coffee _____ (serve) either with or without milk. 10

VII. Rewrite as directed.

- 1) The tea was so hot that I could not drink it. (Change into a simple sentence)
- 2) John is the tallest boy in the class. (Use the comparative form of the adjective)
- 3) No sooner did I hear the gunshot than I rushed to the spot. (Rewrite using as soon as).
- 4) They are such adorable kids. (Add an appropriate question tag)



- 5) I auditioned and luckily, I was selected for the role in the movie. (Write a suitable question to get this answer)
- 6) I have never seen such a mess. (Begin with *never*)
- 7) He had hardly sat down to rest when someone knocked on the door. (Begin with *hardly*)
- 8) It is necessary for him to attend the meeting. (Rewrite using *must*)
- 9) He switched the fan off. It was too hot. (Combine with a suitable conjunction)
- 10) They made Kohli the captain. (Change into passive voice). 10

VIII. Write a précis of the following passage :

Humour is one of the crucial aspects of our everyday life. The point is that humour is the tool that we can use to face with the hardest times in our lives and to appreciate some of the most outstanding things. Some people tend to believe that humour is the key to finding happiness. Just think about all people that you like to spend your free time with. Now try to recall the most heart-warming memories with these individuals. Without a doubt, all these precious memories will involve laughing and humour. Laughter and positive emotions put us in a better mood and make everyone around us happier.

Humour will be suitable in any life situation. In case you are angry or having a quarrel with anyone, as a rule, a little bit of humour may help you to resolve the problem and even lighten the mood. When we are facing something sad or stressful, just a pinch of humour can be the magic wand to get out of the situation. No matter what difficulties we face in everyday life, humour is one to help us stand up and fight. By means of good humour we have an opportunity to step back and see what is most important in life.

When life is doomed with dark shadows, call up your best friend and have a pleasant conversation with him. Or, spend the evening watching a good movie. If we have lack of humour in our life, it gets a lot more difficult to live things through – hardships become even harder to handle, stresses seem to never let go, and grief is more difficult to overcome.

To cut the long story short, if there is a place for humour in our everyday life it gets much easier and happier to live.



IX. a) Construct a story from the following outline. Also give a suitable title.

Rich man sold his well to farmer – doesn't let him take water saying he sold only well, not water – farmer goes to king – king calls the merchant – merchant says only well is the farmer's, water belongs to himself – king tells him either pay rent for keeping his water in farmer's well or take it out – merchant realizes he was outwitted – apologises and agrees to let the farmer use the well.

OR

b) Expand the passage.

Justice delayed is justice denied.

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X. Write a short paragraph on **any one** of the following (120 words).

- 1) Social media kills the privacy of people.
- 2) Women empowerment helps both women and men.
- 3) Money is a good servant, but a bad master.

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