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Paper I – MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

1. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

_____ man crossing _____ road carelessly was struck down by
_____ bus. People from _____ shop nearby took him to _____
doctor. 5

- (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

My friend lives _____ the city while I live _____ the countryside. My
house is _____ the side _____ a river and I have to travel _____
boat to go to college. 5

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

(a) There is a mug in the bucket. (plastic; blue; big)

(b) He had a knife with him. (sharp; long)

(c) The sun was obscured by clouds. (rising)

(d) I am pleased. (highly)

(e) They were standing near the canteen. (casually) 5

3. Correct the following sentences :

- (a) Everyone of the boys were given an assignment.
- (b) He is looked after by his older brother.
- (c) He hanged the pictures on the wall.
- (d) His health is more better.
- (e) Crossing the road, a car knocked me down.

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

- (a) _____ knowledge is a dangerous thing. (little; a little)
- (b) He is a man of _____ words. (few; a few)
- (c) For _____ information contact the station master. (latter; latest)
- (d) Bangalore is _____ than Mysore. (further; farther)
- (e) The _____ house in this row is my uncle's. (next; nearest)

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5. Complete the following :

- (a) If I were a bird _____
- (b) If I were rich _____
- (c) As soon as I heard the news _____
- (d) Please permit me _____
- (e) If you had told me _____

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

The microwave oven (invent) by a scientist who (notice) that chocolate in his pockets (melt) when he (go) near a machine that (emit) microwaves. He (conduct) experiments to find out why this (happen) and then (make) a machine that (apply) the principles behind the phenomenon for practical use in (prepare) food.

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7. Rewrite as directed :

- (a) He is notorious for being *cruel* to animals. (rewrite using noun form of word in italics)
- (b) He wrote the examination yesterday. (add a suitable question tag)
- (c) What a beautiful sight! (convert into a statement)
- (d) He is studying in the law college. (convert into an interrogative sentence)
- (e) It was a rainy day. All classes were cancelled. (combine into a simple sentence)
- (f) Radha failed again. It is unfortunate. (combine into a complex sentence)
- (g) The stranger said to me : "Which is the shortest route to the railway station?" (convert into reported speech)
- (h) Ramesh is the smartest boy in his class. (change into comparative degree)
- (i) They removed the wounded to a hospital. (change into the passive voice)
- (j) Some birds with large wings fly high for a long time. (pick out the subject of the sentence).

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8. Write a précis of the following passage :

Trees are useful to man in three very important ways : they provide him with wood and other products; they give him shade; and they help to prevent drought and floods. Unfortunately, in many parts of the world, man has not realized that the third of these services is the most important. In his eagerness to draw quick profit from the trees, he has cut them down in large numbers, only to find that with them he has lost the best friend he had.

Even where a government realizes the importance of a plentiful supply of trees, it is difficult for it to persuade the villagers to see this. The villager wants wood to cook his food with; and he can earn money by making charcoal or selling wood to the townsman. He is usually too lazy or too careless to plant and look after new trees. So unless the government has a good system of control, or can educate the people, the forests slowly disappear. This does not only mean that the villages' sons and grandsons have fewer trees. The results are even more serious; for where there are trees their roots break the soil up – allowing the rain to sink in – and also bind the soil, thus preventing its being washed away easily; but where there are not trees, the rain falls on hard ground and flows away on the surface, causing floods and carrying away with it the rich top-soil, in which crops grow so well. When all the top-soil is gone, nothing remains but worthless desert.

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9. (a) Construct a story from the following outline :

A king discovers that his diamond ring is missing – he suspects his three personal servants – calls them – each denies guilt – king tells them he will find thief with the help of magic – he gives them each a stick one foot long – says thief's stick will be an inch longer the next day – next morning calls them and measures the sticks – one man's stick one inch shorter – thief is caught.

Or

- (b) Expand the following proverb :

Strike while the iron is hot.

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

- (a) Kindness to animals.
(b) Preserving our cultural heritage.
(c) Caring for the elderly.

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