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PAPER I : MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

(2013 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles:- 5

In 2018 in Mumbai _____ man went to rob _____ bank. He didn't want the people in _____ bank to know what was happening. He told the lie cashier to put all _____ money in _____ paper bag.

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:- 5

I usually sit _____ a window _____ class, so I can look _____ if I get bored. I saw a river and one day I walked _____ the steps _____ the river.

II. Insert adjectives/ adverbs given in brackets in the appropriate order: 5

1. I was looking for a spoon. (little, plastic)

2. My Uncle has gone out. (just)

3. I agree with you. (quite)

4. He goes to church. (seldom)

5. Jack has met Sophie. (already)

III. Correct the following sentences:

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1. Sreelakshmi is brightest student of the class.
2. He gave me some good advices.
3. Bible is holy book of Christians.
4. All the furnitures in the office are old fashion
5. He attended the marriage with his family members.

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

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1. He finally fell a _____ to the circumstances. (pray, prey)
2. The _____ rushed to the hail the moment gates were opened.(horde, hoard)
3. The _____ king was liked by one and all. (gracious, graceful)
4. Have you received any _____? (information, informations)
5. Would you like _____ more coffee? (little, a little)

V. Complete the following:

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1. These stories _____
2. If you show kindness to them _____
3. Though he is intelligent _____
4. Inspite of his poverty, _____
5. Whenever he was free, _____

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

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In Africa elephants _____ (hunt) mainly for their tusks, which _____ (be) very valuable and _____ (trade). Their skins _____ (be) so thick that an ordinary bullet will not _____ (pierce) them; and so large guns called elephant guns are used to _____ (kill) the animals. Many elephants are _____ (caught) alive to be _____ (tame) and _____ (train). But _____ (catch) elephants alive is difficult and dangerous.

VII. Rewrite as directed :

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1. None of them was interested, _____ (add question tag)
2. They pay me monthly (Change in to passive voice)
3. Asok said, "I saw the thief". (Change in to indirect speech)
4. Amrit lives in Thiruvananthapuram. (Convert this sentence in to an interrogative sentence)
5. He really did a tremendous job. (Change in to an exclamatory sentence)
6. alas he is no more. (Punctuate)
7. Chaucer was the greatest writer of his time in England. (Change into comparative degree)
8. His translation of Tagore's Gitanjali is excellent. (Rewrite the sentence using verb form of the underlined word)
9. My brother gave me an expensive box. (Change into a compound sentence)
10. Brutus loved Caesar. (Change into a negative sentence without meaning change).

VIII. Write a precis of the following passage.

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Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity.

At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her success and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike she has never lose sight of that quest or forgotten the deals which gave her strength. We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future?

Freedom and power bring responsibility. That responsibility rests upon this Assembly, a sovereign body representing the sovereign people of India. Before the birth of freedom we have endured all the pains of labour and our hearts are heavy with the memory of this sorrow. Some of those pains continue even now. Nevertheless, the past is over and it is the future that beckons to us now. That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we may fulfil the pledges we have so often taken and the one we shall take today. The service of India means the service of millions who suffer. It means the ending of the poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity. The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us, but as long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work will not be over.

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

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A son is born to a Raja – the mother dies in childbirth – a young mother with a baby is chosen as nurse – she nurses both babies together – enemies of Raja plot to kill his son – they bribe the guards and get in to the place – the nurse is warned just in time – quickly changes the children's dresses – leaves her own child dressed as prince and flies with real prince – murderers enter room and kill the child left behind – so prince is saved – Raja offers nurse rewards – she refuses them and kills herself – Rajah grieved – erects splendid tomb for the faithful nurse.

OR

(b) Expand the following proverb

Slow and steady wins the race.

X. Write a short paragraph on any one of the following in about 120 words :—

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(a) Terrorism – a global menace

(b) A tourist spot

(c) Pleasures of Reading