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**First Semester B.A. LL.B. (Five Year Integrated) Degree Examination,  
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**Paper II – MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE**

**(2013 – 2019 Admission)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

1. The guide knows \_\_\_\_\_ way.
2. Let us discuss \_\_\_\_\_ matter seriously.
3. Which is \_\_\_\_\_ longest river in India?
4. If you see him, give him \_\_\_\_\_ message.
5. Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ European called at my office.

**(5 Marks)**

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

1. He died \_\_\_\_\_ his country.
2. The steam engine was invented \_\_\_\_\_ James watt.

3. The burglar jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the compound wall.
4. The village was destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ fire.
5. I shall do it \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure.

(5 Marks)

II. Choose the correct adjective or adverb to complete the sentence:

1. The music is too \_\_\_\_\_ please turn it down ! (loud, loudly)
2. The man \_\_\_\_\_ Opened the door and looked inside.  
(nervous, nervously)
3. Thomas is very \_\_\_\_\_. He always helps me. (kind, kindly)
4. The cat waited \_\_\_\_\_ for the mouse to come out of the hole  
(silent, silently)
5. My cousin always walks very \_\_\_\_\_ (quick, quickly).

(5 Marks)

III. Correct the following sentences:

1. He is sleeping for two hours.
2. Neither of the boys have returned.
3. We are playing tennis every day.
4. If I had known, I will not have told him.
5. The price of cars have escalated.

(5 Marks)

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

1. The company staff are \_\_\_\_\_ to change. (averse, adverse)
2. The low-fat milk will \_\_\_\_\_ the taste. (affect, effect)
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ a resemblance to your mother. (bear, bare)
4. That is a great idea in \_\_\_\_\_ (principle, principal)
5. Your new haircut will \_\_\_\_\_ your eyes (complement, compliment)

(5 Marks)

V. Complete the following:

1. No sooner did they meet \_\_\_\_\_
2. Scarcely had I reached the station \_\_\_\_\_
3. As soon as I arrived at the station \_\_\_\_\_
4. If it had rained \_\_\_\_\_
5. I know that \_\_\_\_\_

(5 Marks)

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

1. He thanked me for what I \_\_\_\_\_ (have done, had done)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ a strange noise. (hear, am hearing)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ him for a long time. (know, have known)
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ English for five years (study, have been studying)

5. Don't disturb me. I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework (do, am doing)
6. Abdul \_\_\_\_\_ to be a doctor. (wants, wanting)
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ forty next birthday (am, shall be)
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ out five minutes ago (has gone, went)
9. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ all morning (cries, has been crying)
10. This paper \_\_\_\_\_ twice weekly (is appearing, appears)

**(10 Marks)**

VII. Rewrite as directed :

1. You aren't busy, \_\_\_\_\_ (add a question tag)
2. Are you quite sure? (underline the adverb)
3. He leads an unhappy life (change it into an exclamatory sentence)
4. Is this the kind of dress to wear in school? (convert it into an assertive sentence)
5. Make haste, or else you will be late (Rewrite this compound sentence into a simple sentence)
6. He confessed his crime (convert this simple sentence into a complex one)
7. He shouted "Let me go" (change it into indirect speech)
8. Madras is one of the biggest of Indian towns (convert it into comparative degree)
9. Why did your brother write such a letter? (change it into passive voice)
10. All roads lead to Rome (separate the subject and the predicate)

**(10 Marks)**

VIII. Write a precis of the following passage :

A greater part of Arabia is desert. Here there is nothing but sand and rock. The sand is so hot that you cannot walk over it with your bare feet in the day time. Here and there in the desert are springs of water that come from deep down under the ground. These springs are few, but wherever there is one, trees grow tall and graceful, making a cool, green, shady place around the spring. Such a place is called an oasis. The Arabs who live in the desert move from one oasis to another, seeking grass and water for their sheep, goats, camels and horses. These Arabs eat ripe, sweet figs and also dates that grow upon the palm trees; they dry them, too, and use them as food all the year round. The Arabs have the finest horses in the world. He never puts heavy loads upon his horse, and often lets him stay in the tent with his family.

**(10 Marks)**

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

Boy set to guard sheep – told to cry “Wolf !” if he sees a wolf near the flock – watches the sheep for several days – gets tired of the monotonous work – So one day shouts “Wolf!” as a joke – all the villagers hasten to his help – they find no wolf – boy laughs at them – Villagers angry – plays the same joke a few days later – some villagers take no notice – some come running – finding nothing, they beat the boy – at last wolf really comes – boy terrified and shouts “Wolf ! wolf” – villagers take no notice – wolf kills several sheep.

OR

(b) Expand the following proverb.

Fortune favours the bold.

**(10 Marks)**

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

(a) A railway journey

(b) An important day in your life

(c) Should games be compulsory for school boys?

**(10 Marks)**

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