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Paper – II : MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

_____ advantage of early rising is _____. Good start it gives us, _____ early riser has done _____ large amount of hard work before other people. In the early morning _____ mind is fresh.

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b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

All his work being finished _____ good time, he has a long interval _____ rest _____ the evening when he goes _____ bed. He gets _____ sleep several hours before midnight.

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

- 1) Reshma drives a car. (black, sleek, branded)
- 2) Rajesh appears to be attracted by those blankets. (Wonderfully, Indian, Hand spun)
- 3) The mandarins are in glass cases. (plastic, well designed, artistically set)
- 4) They missed the bus. (nearly)
- 5) The servant was intelligent to identify the burglar. (quite)

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III. Correct the following sentences :

- 1) They haven't been at home since two weeks.
- 2) Life in the city is busy for me to tolerate.
- 3) I should have send all these letters by this evening.
- 4) The harder you work the safe the future becomes.
- 5) I have been kinder to both he and she all my life.

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

- 1) I played a very tough _____ in drama and so he won the award. (role/roll)
- 2) The students are so _____ about their excursion. (exciting/excited)
- 3) The screws of the machine went _____ (lose/loose)
- 4) We should be _____ with what we have (content/contend)
- 5) The _____ you grow the more mature would be your vision. (elder/older)

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V. Complete the following :

- 1) As the Teacher was on leave _____
- 2) If it rains too heavily _____
- 3) Hardly had the bus stopped _____
- 4) Had the car arrived on time _____
- 5) Though the labourers tried hard _____

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

On _____ (hear) this my friends and I _____ (express) our eagerness _____ (go) and watch this mega festival. Our Principal readily _____ (agree) and students _____ (go) by batches _____ (be) a part of this grand event. I _____ (wish) we _____ (host) such book fairs three times a year so that we _____ (be) _____ (stimulate) to read more books.

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VII. Rewrite as directed :

- 1) You are busy, _____ (add a question tag).
- 2) The Manager is a man of *lenient* behavior in all matters. (substitute the adverb of the word italicized)
- 3) December is a wintry month. (change into an exclamatory sentence)
- 4) The Inspector was very inquisitive about the whole case. (convert this sentence into an interrogative sentence)



- 5) This is my brother. His name is Ratan. (combine into a simple sentence)
- 6) He will be here on time. That is certain. (combine into a complex sentence)
- 7) He said to him, "Is not your name Ahamed ?" (change into indirect speech)
- 8) Few novelists write as interestingly as M.T. Vaudevan Nair. (change into the comparative degree)
- 9) I spoke to her. (change into passive voice)
- 10) I was doubtful whether it was you. (change into a negative sentence)

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VIII. Write a précis of the following passage :

Self-reliance is the pilgrim's best staff, the worker's best tool. It is the master key that unlocks all the difficulties of life. 'Help yourself and Heaven will help you' is a maxim that receives daily confirmation. He who begins with crutches will generally end with crutches. Help from within always strengthens, but help from without invariably enfeebles the recipient. It is not in the sheltered garden, but in the rugged Alpine cliff, where the storms beat most violently, that the toughest plants are reared. It is not by the use of corks, bladders and life-buoys that you can best learn to swim, but by plunging courageously into the waves and buffeting them. To wait until some charitable man passes by, to stand with arms folded, sighing for a helping hand, is not the part of any manly mind. The habit of depending upon others should be vigorously resisted, since it tends to weaken the intellectual faculties and paralyse the judgement. The struggle against adverse circumstances has, on the contrary, a bracing and strengthening effect, like that of the pure mountain air on an enfeebled frame. This is a lesson which, now-a-days, is not taught in colleges. To us it seems the vice of modern systems of education that they lay down too many 'royal roads' to knowledge. Those impediments which formerly compelled the student to think and labour for himself are now most carefully removed, and he glides so smoothly along the well-heaten highway that he pauses not to heed the flowers on either side.

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

Tiger kills an Indian lady travelling through the jungle _____ as he eats her body, he notices her gold bangle _____ keeps it as he thinks it may be useful _____ later he hides himself by a pool _____ traveller comes to pool, dusty and tired _____ strips and bathes in cool water _____ sees the tiger in bushes watching him _____ terrified _____ tiger greets him with a mild voice _____ says he is pious and spends time in prayer _____ as a sign of goodwill, offers the traveller the gold bangle _____ traveller's greed overcomes his fear _____ crossed pool to take bangle _____ tiger springs on him and kills him.

OR

b) Expand the following proverb :

A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.

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

a) The use and abuse of plastic

b) The menace of E-waste.

c) The most interesting experience you had recently.

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