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Paper – I : MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

Education is ___ all round development of ___ individual. ___ process of education continues till ___ death of ___ person. 5

b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

As Prasad fell ___ debt, he decided ___ sell ___ his house and live ___ a rented house ___ he could pay all his debts. 5

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

- 1) He is an _____ orator. (excellent, excelled)
- 2) The poor man had to pay the _____ amount. (all, whole)
- 3) Drive _____ as it is very slippery after the heavy rain. (careful, carefully)
- 4) The commissioner agreed with _____ side. (neither, either)
- 5) I waited _____ for the results to be published. (nervously, nervous) 5

III. Correct the following sentences :

- 1) We had a grand party and we enjoyed very much.
- 2) I shouldn't have done that if I was you.
- 3) He is rather a lazy fellow.
- 4) Do it carefully lest you may not make a mistake.
- 5) He looks as if he was ill. 5



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

- 1) He _____ and lost a lot of money at the races. (betted, made a bet)
- 2) Nehru's speech was _____ over All India Radio (broadcasted, broadcast)
- 3) I have only _____ friends who can keep secrets. (few, a few)
- 4) They _____ the child who had blown the whistle. (chide, chid)
- 5) As to Jack and John, the former is simple and the _____ an egoist.
(last, latter)

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

- 1) I want to know _____
- 2) There were no complaints except _____
- 3) _____ is really strange.
- 4) No one knows _____
- 5) _____ is a mystery.

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

On my way to school I _____ (notice) a little boy _____ (cry). I _____ (ask) the reason and he _____ (tell) me, he _____ (be) lost. I _____ (enquire) where he _____ (reside) but he _____ (has) no idea as to where he _____ (stay) nor _____ (have) his mothers phone number.

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VII. Rewrite as directed :

- 1) He won a lottery. He built a big mansion. (change into simple sentence)
- 2) This is indeed a great pleasure (change into exclamatory sentence)
- 3) He is not illiterate (change the sentence into affirmative)
- 4) New York is the most beautiful place I have seen (change into comparative degree)
- 5) Tell Bob to come here. (change into interrogative sentence)
- 6) That I was not invited to the party is felt as an insult to me. (change the voice)



- 7) She said, 'I have been waiting here for a long time'. (change into indirect speech)
- 8) I suppose he is mistaken (Rewrite the sentence using 'must')
- 9) Tom is not always polite, but sometimes he is (Rewrite the sentence using can be)
- 10) A cousin of _____ got into the IAS last year. (Fill in the blank using the appropriate possessive)

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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 plugging 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 is 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-beaten highway that he pauses not to heed the flowers on either side.

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IX. a) Expand the following hints into a complete story :

Old man in his death bed _____ worried about sons who were lazy _____ he said
treasure lies buried in his land _____ he died _____ the sons dig the whole land _____ no
treasure _____ cursed their father _____ then agriculture very good yield _____ They
gave up their laziness.

b) Expand the following proverb

No pains, no gains.

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

a) Modern technology, a boom or a curse.

b) Influence of internet on young people.

c) Factors contributing to a good movie.

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