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Paper – I : MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE  
(2013 Admission)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

Shortly after my sister married, \_\_\_\_\_ excited guest came up to her at \_\_\_\_\_ party. "So you are Mrs. Hari," she said, "I have been waiting to meet you. You see, three months ago I bought \_\_\_\_\_ washing machine from your husband."

"I think you have \_\_\_\_\_ wrong person," replied my sister. My husband never owned \_\_\_\_\_ washing machine.

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b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

\_\_\_\_\_ the school is the park. \_\_\_\_\_ six \_\_\_\_\_ the evening children come \_\_\_\_\_ play in the park. \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays, the park is open every day.

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

1) Only \_\_\_\_\_ parents came for the PTA meeting. (some, a few)

2) She spoke very \_\_\_\_\_ that I could not hear. (softly, soft)

3) I was \_\_\_\_\_ tired after the speech. (dreadful, dreadfully)

4) The flowers were \_\_\_\_\_ arranged. (artistic, artistically)

5) He came very \_\_\_\_\_ (late, lately)

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III. Correct the following sentences :

1) He asked that what was my name.

2) Scarcely I had reached the station when the train streamed out.

3) More I hear pop music less I like it.

4) One should love his neighbour as himself.

5) Neither the side have scored any goal.

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

- 1) Ram is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the three brothers. (eldest, elder)
- 2) I have seen \_\_\_\_\_ children who are adamant like her. (few, the few)
- 3) How \_\_\_\_\_ men were present at the inaugural function? (much, many)
- 4) Only \_\_\_\_\_ days are left for the annual day celebrations. (few, a few)
- 5) The old man was sitting \_\_\_\_\_ to me. (nearest, next)

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

- 1) Can you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 2) It is uncertain \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) I often wonder \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Do you deny \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ I will not change my view.

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

The judge \_\_\_\_\_ (enquire) the culprit as to why he \_\_\_\_\_ (commit) the crime. He \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) that it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) his circumstance that \_\_\_\_\_ (force) him. He \_\_\_\_\_ (admit) his crime and \_\_\_\_\_ (say) he \_\_\_\_\_ (require) money and none of his friends \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in a situation to \_\_\_\_\_ (helped) him.

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VII. Rewrite as directed :

- 1) Answer : Yes, you will definitely get admission in this college. (Supply a question to which this sentence can be a suitable answer)
- 2) This is a beautiful and tranquil resort \_\_\_\_\_ (add an appropriate question tag)
- 3) He lost his balance. He fell off the bicycle. (Combine the sentence into a single sentence)
- 4) Very few cities in India are bigger than Mumbai. (Change into superlative degree)
- 5) The people elected him Prime Minister. (Change into passive voice)
- 6) I went to Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ attend a conference. (Fill up the blank with suitable prepositional phrase)
- 7) He stood on tip-toe. He plucked the apple. (Combine the sentence in to a simple sentence)





- 8) Priya said, 'Mother, I am hungry'. (Change into indirect speech)
- 9) This is all I possess (Change into negative sentence)
- 10) The incident was terrible (Change the sentence into an exclamation) 10

VIII. Write a précis of the following passage :

Book is the best friend that a human being can ever have. Book is a friend that is never treacherous and disloyal. Books are friends for life as they never reject or discard us. They never brawl and never find fault with us. They never gossip or pass comments against us. Instead they make our life easy as they inform us about various ways of leading life. Books are informative as well as instructive. Nobody feels alone in the company of books. There're two ways to get educated, one is to learn from experiences and the second is to gain knowledge from books. Books provide with the best collection of the experiences of our ancestors, they help us to understand nature, our past and present. They are the guides that lead us to a successful life. They are the best companions during our journey. Instead of sitting and chatting on unwanted subjects, it is good to venture deep into the realm of knowledge, that book provides. There are of course good and bad books. Bad books are like cancer and they spread filth into our brains destroying our being. They even destroy the young generation while good books illumine light to our path. The elderly should take the responsibility to guide the young generation as to what book they should read and what they should avoid. The future of our young generation lies in the wealth they earn from books. 10

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

A king's jester displeased the king \_\_ condemned to die \_\_ Pleaded for life \_\_ king asked him to choose the manner of his death \_\_ he chose to die of old age \_\_ was pardoned.

OR

b) Expand the following passage.

A stitch in time saves nine. 10

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

- a) Media pays too much attention on the personal life of famous personalities.
- b) A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
- c) Role of social media in the modern world. 10