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PAPER I : MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

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Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

(a) There are two cars parked outside : _____ blue one and _____ grey one _____ blue one belongs to my neighbour; I don't know _____ owner of _____ grey one. 5

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

One day a man _____ a remote village passed by an elephant. He saw the frisky dog, who had become strong and beautiful. He bought the dog _____ the mahout, even though he didn't really own him. He took him back _____ his village. The royal bull elephant became very sad and he didn't want to do anything. So the mahout had to go _____ the king to talk _____ this. 5

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

(a) The manager lives in a flat (new, cozy)

(b) I want apples for dinner (red, round, juicy)

(c) I saw a snake (olive green, wiry)

(d) The people were injured in the accident (seriously)

(e) Rachel and Patrick are married (happily)

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3. Correct the following sentences:

- (a) Tell me what is your name.
- (b) I did not see him for a long time
- (c) What is the fresh news?
- (d) My all friends are well off
- (e) All his money are kept in the bank.

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4. Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in brackets.

- (a) Six people lost their _____ in an accident. (life, lives)
- (b) He _____ one mistake in the dictation (make, made)
- (c) She has undergone a _____ in special education (course, coarse)
- (d) We must not _____ hope. (lose, loose)
- (e) The teacher gave her a _____ on her excellent speech (compliment, complement)

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5. Complete the following :

- (a) If I had seen you....
- (b) I can't see unless....
- (c) Write down the name in case....
- (d) Although the cafe was crowded....
- (e) I could not sleep despite.....

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

Once upon a time there _____ (live) a man called Damocles. A friend of his eventually _____ (become) the ruler of a small city. Damocles thought, "How lucky my friend _____ (be). He _____ (be) now a ruler. He must _____ (have) a great time. He _____ (have) fine clothes and lots of money. I wish I _____ (have) his luck." He _____ (decide) to visit his friend to enjoy his hospitality. When he _____ (reach) the palace, the king himself _____ (receive) him with respect and affection.

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7. Rewrite as directed:

- (a) There is no use of this statue. (convert this sentence into a interrogative sentence)
- (b) Alas! Our beloved leader is dead. (convert into an assertive sentence)
- (c) Iron is the most useful of all metals. (change into comparative degree)
- (d) They admitted their guilt. (change to a complex sentence)
- (e) In spite of being old he was young at heart (change to a complex sentences)
- (f) He is wise. He is kind. (combine using conjunction)
- (g) They are happy with the results. (add a question tag)
- (h) My friend sent me a gift. (change into passive voice)
- (i) The teacher spoke in a loud voice. (substitute the adverb form of the underlined words)
- (j) The boys ran out of the class. (Pick out the subject)

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8. Write a precis of the following passage:

The titanic was a huge ship with six different parts separated by steel doors. It was also fitted with wireless, a wonder of the time. The night of the 14th April, 1912 was very cold. There was no moon and hardly any wind. The Titanic was in the part of the Atlantic in which icebergs cause trouble. Icebergs come from the North when the ice breaks up and they move on the water towards the south. ice is hard enough to cut holes in steel and cannot easily be seen at night. The wireless officer of the titanic had received several signals letting him that ice was not away and he knew very well that icebergs can send big ships to the bottom.

Modern English grammar and usage (2013 Adm.) of the sea. most of these signals were passed on to the officer, but one was not. It was a signal from another ship, the Mosaba, reporting icebergs in front of the Titanic. He was so busy that he did not report it immediately. The signal lay on his table, half forgotten. The two men who were watching for Icebergs suddenly saw something dark just in front of the ship. They immediately rang the ship's bell and Lee

telephoned to the officer on watch to report the iceberg. The necessary orders were given at once though it was impossible to stop a great ship immediately, especially when it was moving at about twenty five miles an hour. 10

9. (a) Construct a story from the following hints/outline :

Tailor —knew only one trade —magician boasted of his hundred tricks—
famine came—magician suffered — tailor lived by honest means.

OR

- (b) Expand the following proverb.

Look before you leap.

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10. Write a short paragraph on any one of the following:

(120 Words)

- (a) An interesting book you read.
(b) Education and society.
(c) Natural disasters.

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