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Paper II – MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

Once there lived in Varanasi, _____ king named Brahmadata, who had _____ beautiful daughter. When _____ princess was fourteen years of age, she had _____ dream. In _____ dream, she saw herself in _____ city made of gold where she lived with her four sisters in _____ elegant palace and _____ four princesses were very happy. Later, when her father urged her to get married, she said: Father. I will not marry anyone except _____ man who has visited _____ city of Gold. 5

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

The soldier was presented _____ a medal _____ the gallantry shown _____ him _____ the time _____ the enemy's attack. 5

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

1. I have just bought _____ table (beautiful, coffee, wooden).
2. There was a _____ (soft, wonderful, woollen) rug on the floor.
3. She gave me a _____ box (jewellery, metal, small, square).

4. They waited _____ (patiently, outside the door)

5. I last saw _____ (my keys, on Monday).

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III. Correct the following sentences:

1. What you said you saw in the zoo?

2. We get very heavy shower during the monsoon.

3. I told to him that I would be late.

4. The buses were not running, because some students threw stones at them the previous day.

5. Beside his parents, several others from the family attended the wedding. 5

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

1. Please turn _____ (out/ off) the radio; I want to sleep.

2. Once he became a successful businessman, he began to look _____ (back, down) on his old friends.

3. We have been having _____ (few/fewer) problems with our computer after we installed Windows XP.

4. Trinket, one of the _____ (less/lesser) known islands in the Nicobar was badly hit by the Tsunami.

5. They had won the title for five _____ (successive/successful) years. 5

V. Complete the following :

1. If it rains _____.

2. He is so fat that _____.

3. It was very stupid of me _____.

4. Though my grandfather is very old _____.

5. As the police approached _____.

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

Sheela is a fashion designer. She _____ (make) clothes ever since she _____ (be) a young girl. She _____ (get) her first job in a clothes factory at the age of sixteen. She _____ (sew) buttons onto a shirt one day when she _____ (have) a brilliant idea for a design. After she _____ (speak) to her bank manager, she got a loan and she _____ (open) her little workshop. Since then she _____ not _____ (look) back. She _____ (design) clothes for many celebrities and _____ (rise) to be a very wealthy person. 10

VII. Rewrite as directed:

1. She is not the right person for the job, _____ (Add a question tag).
2. Jim is a *wonderful* piano player. He plays the piano _____ (complete using the adverb form of the word italicized).
3. It is a lovely scene. (change into an exclamatory sentence)
4. My son wants to be an astronaut when he grows up (Convert into an interrogative sentence)
5. You are so late that you cannot catch the 6.30 train (Change into a simple sentence by using 'too')
6. Rima is a very good dancer. Everybody admits that. (Combine into a complex sentence)
7. The captain said to the soldiers, Don't fall back. Keep firing and advancing. (Change into indirect speech)
8. Hari is the oldest boy in the class (Change into the comparative degree).
9. The news surprised everyone (Change into the passive voice).
10. The books which were lying on the floor have been completely damaged (Pick out the subject). 10

VIII. Write a précis of the following passage.

In every country people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and the others are not so good as they are. The Englishman thinks that he and his Country are the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French; the Germans and Italians think no end of their countries and many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is all conceit. Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. But really there is no person who has not got some good in him and some bad. And in the same way there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad wherever it may be. We are of course the most concerned with our country, India. Unhappily most of our people are very poor and miserable. They have no pleasure in their lives. We have to find out how we can make them happier. We have to see what is good in our ways and customs and try to keep it, and whatever is bad we have to throw away. If we find anything good in other countries, we should certainly take it. 10

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

A lady in distress – only son died – came to Lord Buddha – begged to revive her son – Buddha asked for three fistfuls of grams from families who never experienced any death in the family – lady went from door to door – hoping against hope- failed in her mission – death had affected all – the lady realized the truth – a great consolation.

OR

(b) Expand the following proverb:

A rolling stone gathers no moss.

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

(a) The future of democracy in India.

(b) English as international language.

(c) The use and abuse of Internet.

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