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Paper : MAJM105CCT, English Journalistic Skills

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks : 70 Marks

Note : This question paper consists of two parts : Part – A and Part-B Number of words to answers each question is only indicative. Attempt all parts.

Part-A contains 10 questions, of which students are supposed to answer 8 questions. Answer each question in approximately 100 words. Each question carries 05 marks. (8x5=40 marks)

Part-B contains 5 questions, of which students are supposed to answer 3 questions. Answer each question in approximately 250 words. Each question carries 10 marks. (3x10=30 marks)

Part- A

Q1. Use 'a' 'an' 'the' to fill in the blanks. Put an X if no article is required. 5 marks

1. He lives on ____ top floor of ____ old house. When ____ wind blows, all ____ windows rattle.
2. ____ darkness does not worry cats; they can see in ____ dark.
3. Do you know ____ time? Yes, ____ clock in ____ hall has just struck nine. Then it is not ____ time to go yet.

Q2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given here: in, over, of, with, between, at, below, for, behind, under, by, since, to, under, besides, from, around, up, about, with, on. 5 marks

1. He is bent ____ mischief.
2. He was accused ____ theft.
3. I was amazed ____ her intelligence.
4. Regular exercise is beneficial ____ health.
5. The hospital is somewhere ____ that big blue building.

Q3. Chose the correct synonyms for the underlined words. 5 marks

1. I really do abhor broccoli. (like/ enjoy / prefer / hate)
2. Mr. John said my story was not credible. (unsure / unworthy / believable / false)

3. The water on the lake was so placid that it looked like a mirror. (rough / smooth / still / uneasy)
4. I think that adding curtains to the windows will enhance the classroom. (improve / distil / clear / clean)
5. Naghma tried to run fast but her shoes hampered her efforts. (smooth / hindered / easy / assist)

Q4. Chose the correct words given below: 5 marks

1. The carriage began to (roll / role) forward, hit a boulder and lost a wheel.
2. Despite the bad (whether / weather) the voters turned up at the polling booth.
3. To improve the (moral / morale) of the scouts, they began to sing cheerful songs.
4. The guests said that (their / there / they're) families were looking to spend more time here.
5. The path's steep (descent / dissent / decent) made it difficult for the cyclists to peddle south.

Q5. Rewrite the sentences after placing the misplaced modifiers in their proper places. 5 marks

1. Freshly painted, Salma left the room to dry.
2. I smelled biryani coming down the stairs for dinner.
3. I saw the dead dog driving down the Outer Ring Road.
4. I brushed my teeth after eating with Colgate Toothpaste.
5. Oozing slowly across the floor, Marvin watched the salad dressing.

Q6. Re-write the sentences after making them gender neutral. 5 marks

1. Each student should hand in his paper promptly.
2. The customer should receive his invoice in two weeks.
3. A good manager knows that he should strive for excellence.
4. The lecturer is usually appointed on the basis of his experience.
5. Anyone disagreeing with this statement should give his reasons.

Q7. Use appropriate punctuation marks in the following sentences. 5 marks

1. Did you understand why I was upset
2. Is it any use expecting them to be on time
3. She always enjoyed pizzas chocolates *jalebis* and green apples.
4. The conference has people who have come from London United Kingdom Dhaka Bangladesh Colombo Sri Lanka.
5. Ali's grandmother a strong woman always bought him chocolate cakes sweets and a nice fresh apple.

Q8. Change to Reported / Indirect Speech. 5 marks

1. Aftab says, 'Salma is working in Delhi.'
2. "I have replied to them," claimed Raheema.
3. Anjum said, 'It is time to leave for the meeting.'
4. "Come home early" said Mr. Rahman to his son.
5. She said to the children, 'You mustn't play with fire.'

Q9. Chose the correct words below. 5 marks

1. The movie was _____ the book. (as / as good / good as / as good as)
2. Salim _____ in the library this morning (is study / studying / is studying)
3. Subuhi _____ the windows please. It's too hot in here (opens / opened / open)
4. Aymaan's hobbies include jogging, swimming, and _____. (to climb mountains / climb mountains / to climb / climbing mountains)
5. Mr. Saquib requests that someone _____ the data by fax immediately. (sent / sends / send / to send) .

Q10. Write a lead from the given points. 5 marks

Who	What	When	Where	Why	How
Vidyadhar Suraj Prakash University	Honours noted vocalist Hari Prasad	Saturday	University campus, Nanded	Contribution to the world of music	Honorary doctorate
Ahmedabad based entrepreneur Saleem Aftab	Killed	Friday night	Private farm house in Bachupally	Heated arguments with friend	Attacked with knife
VK Reddy, MD of VK Investments Inc.	Resigned	Last evening	Hyderabad	Differences with management	By faxing his resignation
Government Railway Police, Hyderabad	Busted human trafficking racket	Saturday	Nampally Railway station	On tip-off	By carrying out surprise raid in Sleeper Class.
Mahesh Bank	Server Hacked	12 noon Sunday	Kukatpally Branch, Hyderabad	Bank officials unable to access account of customers	Bank officials noticed unauthorized access

PART - B

Q11. The World Health Organization (WHO) released a report on the prevalence of cancer in the world. Prepare a news report from the given points. Minimum 250 words. 10 marks.

- 1 in 6 deaths is due to cancer globally.
- Reducing tobacco control can reduce death by 25%
- Focusing on early diagnosis can save 1 million lives by 2030.
- Cancer can be cured when detected early and treated effectively.
- Of the 15 million deaths between the ages of 30 and 69 ("premature deaths") in 2018, 4.5 million were due to cancer.
- Half of cancers can be prevented by eliminating or minimizing exposure to risk factors.

Q12. Write a news report based on the point given in inverted pyramid style – Words limit 250 words (10)

Who: Pharmaceutical company *Fizzer Inc.* It's a company based in the United States

What: has started recruiting people for clinical trials.

Why: It wants to test the safety and immune response of Omicron specific Covid-19 vaccine in adults up to 55 years. All recruits are on voluntary basis.

When: trials starts March 2022. But may be extended to October 2022.

Where: Across United States and South Africa. The trials may also be extended to some Asian countries.

Additional Information: Company will be able to file for approval of the shot by June 2022.

Trial will involve 1420 individuals aged between 18-55 across two continents.

Q 13. Copy the text in the answer-script and then correct typographical errors using copy editing symbols. (10)

Eminent classical singer Pandit Hota died here on Sunday due to old age-related ailments, his family said. The renowned Hindustani vocalist was 87. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik condoled his death and said that his mortal remains will be cremated with full State honours.

Born on December 25, 1935 in Puri, Pandit Hota was trained in classical music by his father and later received training in Odissi and Hindustani classical music. Under scholarship from Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi, he also trained under Pandit Omkarnath Thakur and Pandit Balwantrao Bhatt. His research on Odissi classical music in the 1960s was considered "ground-breaking" as it revealed the historical roots, distinct ragas, talas, and lakshyanas of the genre.

Q14. Write a news report from the given points in not more than 250 words. Suggest suitable headline. 10 marks

Guwahati-Bikaner Express train - derailed - near Maynaguri town, Jalpaiguri district, West Bengal - 50 injured - 10 critically - critical passengers shifted to the North Bengal Medical College - Many passengers feared trapped inside the derailed coaches - Medical teams, senior officers at the spot - Compensation : ₹ 5 lakh for death, ₹ 1 lakh for grievous injury - Rescue trains from New Jalpaiguri and New Alipurduar have been rushed to the spot.

Q15. The table below presents the budget allocation for different sectors of the Indian economy in the new financial budget 2022-23. Prepare a news report from the given information below. 10 Marks

Sector	Last Year budget 2021-22	This year Budget 2022-23	% Change
Defence	3,68,418	3,85,371	4.6
Education	47,525	53,382	12.3
Investment in Railways	11,71,00	1,37,100	17.1
Villages & Small Industries	15,278	20,398	33.5
Roads & Bridges	1,17,720	1,84,211	56.5
Other Expenses	13,39,009	39,44,909	-13.8
<i>All figures in Crores</i>			

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