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Paper : **MAJM105CCT -: English Journalistic Skills**

Total Marks: 70

Time: 3 Hours

Instructions:

This Question Paper consists of three parts: Part- A, Part-B and Part-C. Attempt all Parts.

Part-A contains 10 compulsory questions of very short answer type questions. Answers to be given in one word/sentence. Answer all questions. Each question carries 01 marks. (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

Part-B contains 08 questions, of which students are supposed to answer any 05 questions. Answer each question in 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks. (5 x 6 = 30 Marks)

Part-C contains 05 questions, of which students are supposed to answer any 03 questions. Answer each question in 500 words. Each question carries 10 marks. (3 x 10 = 30 Marks)

PART - A

1. Place the dangling/misplaced modifiers in their proper places: 10 x 1 =10

- i. The tall girl led the parade with red hair.
- ii. I found a bird's nest near the river in a tree
- iii. The Suzuki was stalled on the road out of oil.
- iv. I saw a building on fire walking to office today.
- v. I showed my cat to the veterinarian with the fleas.
- vi. Every three hours the doctor told him to take a pill.
- vii. He came in when I was cleaning the floor with her sister.
- viii. Totally destroyed by the earthquake, he had to rebuild his home.
- ix. John and his dog ran around the building with a red leather collar.
- x. Jim bought an old car from a crooked dealer with a faulty transmission.

PAR-B

2. Use the word (Their / There / They Are) to fill the blank space.6 Marks

- a. Is that ____ dog over ____?
- b. Let's hope _____ learning _____ lesson this time around.
- c. I love that _____ always offering _____ love and support.
- d. I am never going over ____ to _____ house again when _____ around.
- e. _____ going to have to save _____ money wisely to afford that big house over _____.

3. Rewrite the sentences after removing the redundant words. 6 Marks

- a. I forgot my PIN number for the ATM machine.
- b. The blue flower vase was completely and totally unique.
- c. The amount of money available was not sufficient enough.
- d. We do not comment on the future plans of the organization.
- e. Fred could not decide whether or not to order the new shoes.
- f. Tim and his friends decided to co-operate together on their project.

4. Use the necessary punctuation marks where appropriate. 6 Marks

- a. What a good movie
- b. The man I think had a funny voice.
- c. The girl who is wearing a pink shirt is my sister.
- d. This would at a stroke reduce the rise of petrol prices.
- e. Practice will be held before school in the afternoon and at night.
- f. Special Classes will be held on Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays.

5. Rewrite the following sentences in the active voice. 6 Marks

- a. We will be blamed by everyone.
- b. The snake was killed with a stick by them.
- c. The teacher was pleased with the girl's work.
- d. The work will be finished by the workers in a day.
- e. The axe was dropped into the river by the woodcutter.
- f. The seriously injured were taken to the hospital by the police.

6. Re-write the sentences to eliminate sexism. 6 Marks

- a. Every student must bring his own pencil to the class.
- b. A secretary should take orders only from the manager she supports.
- c. The shift from animal and muscle power to machine power was a major achievement for man.
- d. The new student should spend his time becoming familiar with primary rather than secondary texts.
- e. Each laboratory assistant must perform the experiment at least once before he teaches it to the class.
- f. No matter how busy he is, a pilot should take the time to thank the passengers at the end of every flight.

7. Fill in the correct prepositions from the list given here. (above / before / about / according / after / past / for / around / at / among / since / beside / until / between / by / down / for / from / in / of / on / through / to / with) 6 Marks

- a. This shop doesn't have the clothes I was looking ___.
- b. The teacher divided the sweets ___ all the children.
- c. Salim did not do well ___ his examination.
- d. The dog is grateful ___ its owner.
- e. The girl ___ the store is quite young.
- f. Salma is fond ___ chocolates.
- g. The cat jumped ___ the sofa.
- h. The Sun will not rise ___ 6 o'clock.
- i. I know Nadeem ___ he was a little boy.
- j. The scientist looked ___ the microscope.
- k. I will have completed my task ___ Friday.
- l. The soldiers are ___ war.

8. Change to Reported Speech 6 Marks

- a. Indian Government Spokesperson: "We raised the issue of cross-border terrorism with the US".
- b. Additional Police Commissioner, Hyderabad: "We have taken the matter seriously".
- c. Vinay Damodar, IT Professionals Association: "We would like to take up the issue of Work from Home (WFH)".
- d. Christopher Karen, White House Spokesperson: India is a stabilizing power in Asia".
- e. Pat Buchanan, UNICEF Spokesperson: "India has done a commendable job in immunization".

- f. Sarah Thompson, Spokesperson, Save Children Foundation: “Children traumatized by violence can resume a normal life.”

9. Pick the correct homophones.

- I hope that the wound will (heal / hell / he'll).
- What should I (were/ wear/ where) to go out tonight?
- I hope it doesn't (reign / rain / rein) during our road trip.
- I (flew/ Flu / flow) from Mumbai to Hyderabad.
- I got all the (write / wright / right / rite) answers on my test.
- I like to have a (pear / pair / pare) as a snack every morning.

Part- C

10. Write a news report in not more than 250 words from the given information

7 people killed - 4 injured – trailer truck rammed into bus from behind – Yamuna Nagar- Panchkula highway – Haryana – Ambala district – Saturday evening - injured rushed to nearby Ambala district hospital.

You may use the quotes from the Station house Officer of Ameerpur Police Station Bir Bahadur: “*Prima facie it appears that the truck driver dozed off on the wheels and ended up ramming into the bus. The drivers of both vehicles are out of danger. Further investigation into the accident is underway*”, he added.

11. The local municipal authority in your city has decided to impose heavy fines on landlords if their premises are deemed to be breeding ground of mosquitoes. Write an editorial (in not more than 300 words) explaining the complexity of the situations, suggesting alternatives if any. 10 Marks

Q12. Write only leads from the information given below 10 marks

	WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHY	HOW
1	Sugar	price touch 3 months low	Tuesday evening	across India	The government reduced tax on imports	
2	Supreme Court	To hear petition on Cauvery water - sharing agreement between Karnataka & TN	Next week	New Delhi	Petitioner S. A. Saresh has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) against it	
3	1.5 lakh foreigners	Visit India	2022-23	Various hospitals	For Medical treatment	
4	Pakistani Forces	Violate cease fire	last evening	In Poonch, Jammu & Kashmir	To help infiltration	Fired mortars
5	Indian cricket team	Defeat Australia by an Inning and 3 wickets	Today	In Kanpur Test	The Australians failed to save a follow on.	By bowling out the Australian team for 150 runs.

13. Prepare a new report from the information given below:

The Union Ministry of Road Transport has released the leading causes of death in road accidents in India for the year 2022. Prepare a news report from the information given below:

Leading Cause of Death in Road Accidents	Figures for 2022	In Percentage
Exceeding Speed	73896	62%
Overtaking	9562	08%
Driving under influence of alcohol	6131	05%
Driving on wrong side	5705	05%
Jumping red light	4055	03%
Using mobile phone while driving	2138	02%
Falling asleep at the driving wheel	1796	01%
Not wearing helmet	10135	09%
Not wearing seat belt	5638	05%

14. Correct the news copy Using Copy editing symbols 10 marks

At least 30 cuustomers of a private bank in Mumbai were cheated of lakhs of rupees within three days after they clicked onn a link sent via fake text messages to update their KYC and PAN details..

The Know Your Customer (KYC) process is mandaatory for bank customers to verify their identity. In an advisory, Mumbai Police haas cautioned ctizens against on clicking such links asking customers bank for their confidential details.,

Fraudsters are SENDING such fake SMS with phishing linnks to the customers stating that their bank account is blocked for not updating their KYC/ PAN card details, according to the advisory. Such links direct the customerrs to a fake weebsite of their bankk where they are asked too enter their customer ID, password, and other confidential details.,

Among the 40 victims who have reported the alleged frauds was TV actor Ravi Verma. In his complaint, Mr Verma said last Thursday he had clicked on a link from the fake text message, believing it was his from bank. On portal the that opened, entered he his customer ID, passwords, and OTP. Following this, ₹ 45,785 was debited from his account.
