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FIRST SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024

(Improvement/Supplementary)

COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH (B.Com. Honours & B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics)

GENG1A08T: COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Part A: Answer all the questions. Each carries *one* mark.

Choose the Correct Answer:

1. Choose the most appropriate reading technique for the following situation:
You are reading an article about an insect on which you are doing your research.
A. Intensive reading. C. Extensive reading.
B. Skimming. D. None of the above.
2. From which language did the word "colloquium" originate?
A. Spanish. C. French.
B. Latin. D. Greek.
3. Which among the following is a way of expressing agreement?
A. You are terribly wrong/mistaken about it.
B. I beg to differ.
C. I can't help but agree with you.
D. I'm sorry I can't support your views on this topic
4. Choose the grammatically correct sentence from the following.
A. She have been to Paris. C. She has been to Paris.
B. She has went to Paris. D. She have went to Paris.
5. Which among the following is NOT a part of a formal letter?
A. Salutation. C. Date of composition.
B. Objective statement. D. Complimentary close.

Fill in the Blanks.

6. _____ refers to the way in which one reads at a faster rate to gain the general idea about the text.
7. An IELTS student _____ through the passage to get a general idea about the text.
8. A debate is a _____ argument.
9. Fill in the blank using the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets:
If he came late, the teacher _____ (punish) him.
10. Sidney Bernstein defines advertisement as a _____ for the human salesman.

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

Part B: Answer any *eight* questions. Each carries *two* marks.

11. What is a byline in a newspaper report?
12. Mention the 5Ws and 1H of newspaper reports.
13. What does "style" refer to in debating? How does it contribute to the impact of the debater's delivery?
14. What is the importance of "clarity" in debating?
15. Mention any two situations when a request letter for approval is drafted.

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16. Complete the following conversation.

Abey: Hey Maurice. There's a movie that I really want to watch tonight, but don't have enough money right now. _____(A)_____? I will pay you back on Friday.

Maurice: Sure. No problem. _____(B)_____?

Abey: I need 250 rupees.

17. Write an objective statement that can be included in the CV for the job of a library assistant.

18. Define a quotation letter.

19. Mention any two functions of an advertisement.

20. In which tense is the headline of a newspaper report usually written? Give an example.

(8 x 2 = 16 Marks)

Part C: Answer any six questions. Each carries four marks.

21. One of your friends is preparing for a competitive examination. What reading techniques should s/he be acquainted with to excel at reading comprehension? Explain the features of the techniques.

22. From the given situation, make up a short dialogue of not less than 8 exchanges:

Situation: Diya has a good script for a skit. She shares the idea of performing the skit for the upcoming College Day celebration with her friend Rima. She asks for Rima's opinion.

23. Riya goes to the bank to open a new account and speaks to the receptionist. Write the likely conversation in not less than 8 exchanges.

24. Briefly explain the steps to craft a request letter for approval.

25. You are Sriram/Sreelakshmi of St. Antony's College, Alappuzha. As Student Editor of your college magazine, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your college notice board inviting article sketches from students of all classes.

26. Identify the errors in the following sentences and justify the reasons.

A. Nobody have come.

B. She is most beautiful girl in the college.

C. I have seen Megan yesterday.

D. I have big respect for you.

27. What is an enquiry letter? Explain the details to be included in an enquiry letter.

28. What is a reminder letter? Discuss the key points to remember while drafting out a reminder letter.

(6 x 4 = 24 Marks)

Part D: Answer any two questions. Each carries fifteen marks.

29. Explain the four reading techniques and elaborate on their features.

30. Enumerate the different skills that a good debater should possess.

31. Elucidate the uses and forms of the following tenses with examples:

Simple present tense; Present continuous tense; Past continuous tense; Simple Future Tense.

(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)