

FIFTH SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

ENGLISH (OPEN COURSE)

GENG5D01T: ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

Time: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 60

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries 2 marks.

(Ceiling 20 Marks)

I. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate word from the options given below.

1. HOSTILITY means _____
a) Illness b) Enmity c) Disturbance d) Derogatory
2. Book:Cover::Painting:_____?
a) Example b) Wall c) Colour d) Frame
3. DEFECT is closest in meaning to _____
a) Loss b) Harm c) Shortcoming d) Delicate
4. Which of the following phrases is better suited to say good luck to someone who is going to perform on stage?
a) Break a leg b) Don't fall down c) Don't break your leg d) Go and perform
5. Spot the correct spelling for. _____
a) Comittee b) Committee c) Committee d) Committey
6. We have bought _____ LCD television set.
a) The b) An c) A d) No article .
7. The pencil is _____ the pouch.
a) In b) On c) At d) None of the above
8. Find the mis-pelt word _____
a) Animosity b) Annex c) Aniversary d) Animate
9. Would you _____ my dog for me this weekend?
a) Look b) Look after c) Look up d) Look into
10. _____ is the antonym of generous.
a) Charitable b) Helpful c) Benevolent d) Miserly
11. Give the one word substitution for a person living permanently in a certain place.
a) Resident b) Native c) Domicile d) Subject
12. Insect: Disease:: War: _____?
a) Army b) Defeat c) Arsenal d) Destruction

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SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries 5 marks.

(Ceiling 30 Marks)

13. Rearrange the jumbled sentences to form meaningful ones.
- (a) the / sparrow / from / city / it / disappeared / house / has / seems / common / the / that
 - (b) factors / and / pollution / herbs / native / important / the / responsible / are / loss / shrubs / of / and
 - (c) to / the popularity / every corner / junk food / has led / of eating / joints / around / of / the / opening
 - (d) believed in / people of India / the sacredness of / have traditionally / wildlife
 - (e) occupy / history / in / of / india / honoured / Rajputs / the / the / an / place The' Rajputs occupy an honoured place in the history of India.
14. Complete the following sentence.
- (a) Fate smiled _____ him in all his ventures.
 - (b) Since there was adequate grazing area for the herds, the land was ____ populated.
 - (c) The event came _____ as she had predicted it,
 - (d) The boy was cured _____ typhoid.
 - (e) Today student should be reconciled _____ the way things are changing.
15. Spot the error in the given sentences if any.
- (a) An Italian ship laden with merchandise got drowned in the pacific ocean.
 - (b) We discussed about the problem so thoroughly on the e of the examination that I found it very easy to work it out.
 - (c) A lot of travel delay is cause due to the inefficiency and lack of good management on part of the railways.
 - (d) Having received your letter this morning , we are writing to thank you for the same.
 - (e) If you lend him a book he will lend it to someone else and never you will get it back.
16. Fill in the blanks using appropriate words given in the brackets
- (a) We had some problem when we checked _____ (on/into)the hotel. They had reserved the room in the wrong name.
 - (b) Mrs John's husband passed _____ (in/away) _last Friday. We are going to attend his funeral next week.
 - (c) My book club meets regularly to discuss selected novels. In fact, we are getting _____ (out/together) _next week to talk about a really uniquemystert novel called Illusion.
 - (d) Don't forget to put your gloves _____ (in/0n). It is cold outside.
 - (e) I can mail the letter for you. I go _____ (in/by)the post office on my way to work
17. Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate words from the brackets:
- (a) When can you usually see _____ (a/the)moon, in the morning or at night?
 - (b) I saw _____ (a/the)very bright star in the sky a few nights ago.
 - (c) I forgot to bring my pen. Do you have _____ (a/the) pen I could borrow?
 - (d) What is _____ (the/a)capital city of ?Is it Sydney or Canberra?
 - (e) For breakfast I usually have _____ (a/an)egg toast and coffee.
18. Spot errors in the given sentences.
- (a) The scientist was seemed to be exhausted over the result of his experiments.
 - (b) The student could not answer the teacherwhen he was asked to explain why he was so late that day
 - (c) John could not cometo schoolas he was ill from cold.

- (d) Though she has aptitude in Mathematics I wont allow her to take it up as a subject of study for her Master's degree because I know the labour involves will tell upon her health.
- (e) I am not familiar with all the place in this town although I have been living here since 2 years.

19. Fill in the blanks choosing words from the brackets

- (a) He is unlikely to come to the party. But if he _____ (would come/comes).
- (b) You must complete this work (up to Sunday /by Sunday)
- (c) How long do you think Mr. Kamal _____ (knew John/has known)
- (d) _____ (if it will rain/if it rains) , the match will be abandoned.
- (e) _____ (I have still/I am yet) to meet a person who is perfectly satisfied with this job.

SECTION C: Answer any one question. Each carries 10 marks.

III. Read the passages and answer the questions given below.

20. PASSAGE - I

Cozette could have been a pretty child, but she was thin and pale and her eyes were stained with weeping. She was dressed in her thin torn cotton dress and she shivered all the tome. Here and there on her body were blue marks from the beatings that her mistress had given her. Her naked legs were red and rough. When she spoke, her voice trembled. Everything about the child, her looks, her behaviour, her speech, her silence every small gesture she made, showed a terrible fear. She was so afraid that, even though she was wet through, she dared not go near the fire to warm herself, but sat shivering in a corner of the room.

1. Cozette could not be a pretty child because

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| a. She was pale and emaciated | b. She was weeping |
| c. She was scantily dressed | d. She was trembling with fear |

2. Cozette's voice trembled because

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| a. She was feeling cold | b. She was frightened |
| c. There was no fire near her | d. She was wearing a thin, cotton dress |

3. Cozette's terrible fear is conveyed most vividly by the description of

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| a. Her constant shivering | b. Her tear-stained eyes |
| c. Her trembling voice | d. Her inability to go near the fire |

4. The cause of cozette's fear is explained by

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| a. Her pale appearance | b. Her torn dress |
| c. The blue marks on her body | d. Her speech |

PASSAGE II

The 543 elected MPs will be elected from single-member constituencies using first-past-the-post voting. The President of India nominates an additional two members from the Anglo-Indian community if he believes the community is under-represented. Eligible voters must be Indian citizens, 18 or older, an ordinary resident of the polling area of the constituency and possess a valid voter identification card issued by the Election Commission of India. Some people convicted of electoral or other offences are barred from voting. Earlier there were speculations that the Modi Government might advance the 2019 general election to counter the anti-incumbency

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factor, however learning from its past blunder of preponing election made by the Vajpayee Government it decided to go into election as per the normal schedule which was announced by Election Commission of India (ECI) on 10 March 2019, after which Model Code of Conduct was applied with immediate effect.

1. Which word or phrase means “disapproval of current political officeholders” in the passage
 - a. First-past-the-post
 - b. Blunder
 - c. Anti-incumbency
 - d. Model Code of Conduct
 2. Since when was the Model Code of Conduct applied with immediate effect?
 - a. 23rd May 2018
 - b. 10th March 2019
 - c. 10th March 2018
 - d. 11th March 2019
 3. When does the President of India nominate an additional two members from the Anglo-Indian community?
 - a. When there are less than 543 elected MPs
 - b. When the Anglo-Indian community fails to send a representative
 - c. When the president believes that the Anglo-Indian community is over-represented
 - d. When the president believes that the Anglo-Indian community is under-represented
 4. What are the mandatory requirements to vote in India?
 - i. Must be an Indian citizen
 - ii. Must be 18 or older
 - iii. Must have a valid criminal record
 - iv. Must be an ordinary resident of the polling area of the constituency
 - v. Must possess a valid voter identification card issued by the Election Commission of India
- Choose the correct options
- a. (i), (ii) (iii)
 - b. (ii) (i) (v) (iv)
 - c. (ii) (iii) (i) (iv) (v)
 - d. (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)
5. What is the apt meaning of “speculations” as per the passage?
 - a. Conjectures
 - b. Assumptions
 - c. Either (a) or (b)
 - d. Both (a) and (b)

21. PASSAGE -I

Discussions on drug addiction should also be concerned with the vast majority of people who are not addicts. Their homes and lives are insecure because our narcotics laws drive such people to crime. The drug addict is almost never dangerous when he is under the influence of drugs. What makes him dangerous is the desperate need for money to buy the next dose. Drugs are available only in an illegal black market. The costs are stupendous, and this is what drives the addict to steal, rob and even kill.

1. According to the author, discussions of drug addiction are generally concerned with
 - a. Addicts
 - b. Non-addicts
 - c. Criminals
 - d. Black marketers
2. Addicts take to criminal acts because _____
 - a. Drugs make them lose self-control
 - b. The habit of robbing and stealing is hard to break
 - c. They need large sums of money to buy drugs
 - d. Law is powerless against them
3. The author seems to criticize the narcotics laws for _____
 - a. Being too lenient
 - b. Being too complicated
 - c. Being ineffective
 - d. Driving addicts to crime
4. The word ‘stupendous’ in the passage means
 - a. Very high
 - b. Foolish
 - c. Shocking
 - d. Illegal
5. With reference to the passage, consider the following statements :
 1. Addiction to drugs is a criminal act.
 2. Drug addicts cannot be rehabilitated.Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?
 - a. 1 only
 - b. 2 only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2

PASSAGE- II

Nature writing is nonfiction or fiction prose or poetry about the natural environment. Nature writing encompasses a wide variety of works, ranging from those that place primary emphasis on natural history facts (such as field guides) to those in which philosophical interpretation predominate. It includes natural history essays, poetry, essays of solitude or escape, as well as travel and adventure writing. Nature writing often draws heavily on scientific information and facts about the natural world; at the same time, it is frequently written in the first person and incorporates personal observations of and philosophical reflections upon nature. Modern nature writing traces its roots to the works of natural history that were popular in the second half of the 18th century and throughout the 19th. An important early figure was the "parson-naturalist" Gilbert White (1720 – 1793), a pioneering English naturalist and ornithologist. He is best known for his *Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne* (1789).

Read the passage and choose the most appropriate option

1. Nature writing emphasizes on

- i. Historical facts about the nature
- ii. Philosophical interpretations of the nature
- iii. Scientific information and facts

Choose the most appropriate

- a) None of the above
- b) Only (i) and (ii)
- c) All the above
- d) Only (i) and (iii)

2. Based on the passage what is period to which the modern nature writing can be traced to

- a) 1850 till 1999
- b) 1850 to 1899
- c) 1750 till 1899
- d) 1750 till 1900

3. Which statement summarizes the above passage

- a) The passage talks about the life and lessons of Gilbert White, a profound naturalist and ornithologist.
- b) The passage talks about how the nature writing is missing in the modern era and needs to be revived.
- c) The passage talks about from where the writers draw inspiration for nature writing, and how its importance is diminishing in the modern era.
- d) The passage talks about what nature writing is, the different types of nature writing, its style, and about the roots and pioneer of modern nature writing.

4. Which word aptly describes the word "reflections" as used in the passage

- a) Opinion
- b) Reproduction
- c) Images
- d) None of the above

5. According to the passage, what kind of works are written as part of nature writing?

- i. Natural history essays and essays of solitude or escape
- ii. Poetry
- iii. Travel and adventure writing

Choose the correct options

- a) Only (i)
- b) Only (i) and (ii)
- c) Only (ii) and (iii)
- d) All the above

(1 × 10 = 10 Marks).