

FIFTH SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
GENG5D01T: ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (OPEN COURSE)

Time: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 60

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.

(Ceiling 20 Marks)

1. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word given in capital letters.
SATIATE
a. Direct b. Manage c. Gratify d. Defeat
2. Choose the word which is nearest of the opposite of the underlined word or phrase.
The doctor said that there is no improvement in the condition of the patient.
a. Depression b. Deterioration c. Change d. Degradation
3. Select the option that can be used as a one word substitute for the given group of words.
Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily.
a. Evaluative b. Reticent c. Forthright d. Communicative
4. Identify the phrasal verb in the following sentence and write its meaning.
I will come and fix this. You can count on me.
5. Identify the wrongly spelt word from the following.
a. Procession b. Passion c. Possession d. Profession
6. Identify the sentence in which the definite article is **wrongly** placed.
a. She is the most beautiful woman in the world.
b. Yuri Gagarin was the first man on the space.
c. She is from the North-East.
d. She plays the violin.
7. Identify the mistake in the following sentence and rewrite it correctly.
I look forward to see her.
8. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
I made them cleaning the room thoroughly.
a. I made them clean b. No substitution required
c. I make them cleaning d. I making them cleaning
9. Rearrange the jumbled words given below to form meaningful sentences.
a. Understand/felt/to/how/I/she/slowly/began/.
b. Play/to/he/guitar/began/was/six/he/when/.
10. The question consists of four statements labeled A, B, C and D which when logically ordered form a coherent passage. Choose the option that represents the most logical order.
A. Over 100 species of algae have been recorded in the past, but in recent years only 74 species have been found.
B. Elsewhere in the Gulf, the mangroves have been reduced to low bushes with a maximum height of two meters. The principal species are *Avicennia alba*, *Rhizophora mucronata* and *Ceriops tagal*.

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- C. The Gulf of Kutch also contains some of the best mangrove forests on the west coast of India, but large areas have been totally cleared or at least seriously degraded by exploitation for domestic and commercial use.
- D. In the last twenty years alone, 95% of mature trees have been cut down. Only four islands: Ajad, Bhaidar, Pirotan and Kharachura, and a small area on the mainland near Okha still support true mangrove forests.
- a. ACDB b. BCDA c. CDBA d. ABCD
11. The question consists of four statements labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4 which when logically ordered form a coherent passage. Choose the option that represents the most logical order.
1. I suggested that Ford should buy up a company called NCP, which owned most of the car parks in the city centres throughout the UK.
 2. We were discussing competing in the European market.
 3. If NCP became a Ford company, a notice could be placed at the entrance to all city centres car parks indicating that only Ford cars could use them.
 4. At one time I was giving a seminar for the British marketing department of Ford, the biggest Ford operation outside of Detroit.
- a. 2134 b. 4213 c. 2431 d. 2314
12. The question consists of four statements labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4 which when logically ordered form a coherent passage. Choose the option that represents the most logical order.
1. In his first inaugural address he concluded with an eloquent plea, "Ask not what your country can do for you --- ask what you can do for your country."
 2. John F. Kennedy, Democratic victor in the election of 1960, was at 43, the youngest man ever to win the presidency.
 3. On television, in a series of debates with opponent Richard Nixon, he appeared able, articulate and energetic.
 4. In the campaign, he spoke of moving aggressively into the new decade, for the "New Frontier is here whether we seek it or not."
- a. 4123. b. 2341 c. 3124 d. 2134

**SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.
(Ceiling 30 Marks)**

13. Choose the most appropriate synonym of the words given in capitals. Each carries one mark.
- REPRIMAND
- a. Compete b. Rebuke c. Repeat d. Command
- OPULENT
- a. Fake b. Gloomy c. Rich d. Selfish
- PETRIFY
- a. Adorn b. Calm c. Curious d. Harden
- PROCRASTINATE
- a. Divert b. Deceive c. Debase d. Delay
- MELLIFLUOUS
- a. Shiver b. Frank c. Immoral d. Dulcet

14. Match the following.

Phrase	One Word Substitute
i. A person who is blamed for the wrongdoings of others.	a. Blasphemy
ii. The act of speaking irreverently about sacred things.	b. Depreciate
iii. Diminish in value over a period of time.	c. Elegy
iv. Not able to produce children.	d. Scapegoat
v. A funeral poem.	e. Sterile

15. Add the suffix '-ant' or '-ent' to the following words.

- a. Attend_____
- b. Cog_____
- c. Immigr_____
- d. Complim_____
- e. Disinfect_____

16. Fill in the blanks choosing words from the brackets.

- a. They set a strong guard, lest anyone _____escape. (Could/should).
- b. You must complete this work (up to Sunday /by Sunday)
- c. How long do you think Mr. Kamal _____ John (knew John/has known)
- d. He is better than _____in the class(any boy/ any other boy)
- e. _____(I have still/I am yet) to meet a person who is perfectly satisfied with this job.

17. Rearrange the jumbled words given below to form meaningful sentences.

- a. Concert/which/most/like/you/did/part/the/of/?
- b. Killed/I/so/angry/was/could/her/have/I/.
- c. At/accident/where/the/were/time/you/of/?
- d. Was/mobile/bathroom/Ross/when/the/started/phone/his/in/ringing/.
- e. Me/snowball/nose/right/hit/the/one/the/.

18. Imagine that your friend is preparing for a competitive exam. He/she is struggling with the most important part of the verbal ability section: reading comprehension. What tips would you give your friend to answer questions from this section?

19. Briefly describe the four types of para jumbles/ sentence rearrangement.

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

20. Each of the given sentences has a mistake. Identify the mistake and rewrite them correctly.

- a. They have got less burgers than they need.
- b. No sooner had she left the house, when the father had a cardiac arrest.
- c. Both of them are not aware of what happened yesterday.
- d. What sort of an animal is that?
- e. You are an Indian, are you?
- f. Each of my child is given a packet.
- g. By the time I reached the station, she left.
- h. One of the kid is from Turkey.
- i. My favourite serial airs between 9pm to 10pm.
- j. He is my favouritest person in the world.

21. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

Summer Rain

The worst days of any summer are the rainy ones. We spend all year looking forward to nice weather and long, hot days. All of winter, with its dreary gray days and bitter cold, we dream of those endless days at the beach, laying on the sand and soaking in the bright and burning sun. And then, summer comes, and it rains. As a child, I would wake up to rainy summer days and come close to crying. It wasn't fair. We suffered through months of school and miserable weather for those scant ten weeks of freedom and balmy weather. Any day that I could not spend at the beach or playing ball with my friends seemed like a punishment for something I didn't even do. On those rainy summer days, I had nothing fun to do and could only sit inside, staring out at the rain like a Dickensian orphan. I was an only child, so there was no one else to play with. My father worked from home, so I was not truly alone, but he could not actively play with me since he was technically at work. It was those days that I would resign myself to whatever was on television or any books that I could find lying around. I'd crawl through the day and pray each night that the rain would not be there the next day. As an adult, though, my opinion of summer rain has changed. When you have to work every day, summer is not as eagerly anticipated. Mostly, the days run together, bleeding into each other so that they no longer seem like separate entities and instead feel like continuations of the same long day. Everything seems monotonous and dull, and an ennui or listlessness kicks in. Such a mindset makes you cheer for anything new or different. I spend the winter dreaming of summer and the summer dreaming of winter. When summer comes, I complain about how hot it is. And then I look forward to the rain, because the rain brings with it a cold front, which offers a reprieve—admittedly one that is all too short—from the torture of 100° and humid days. Rainy days are still the worst days of the summer, but summer rain today means positively beautiful—and considerably cooler—weather tomorrow.

- i. According to the passage, summer is different for adults because (2 marks)
 - a. rain brings with it cold temperatures for the following days
 - b. the weather is much warmer than it is for children
 - c. they do not get a long time off from work for the season
 - d. they better know how to occupy their downtime
- ii. According to the passage, which of the following is a true statement about the narrator as a child? (2 marks)
 - a. He or she was often bored on summer days.
 - b. He or she preferred cooler weather.
 - c. He or she liked staying indoors.
 - d. He or she had no siblings.
- iii. Compared to how he or she was as a child, the narrator as an adult is (1 mark)
 - a. more realistic
 - b. less excitable
 - c. more idealistic
 - d. less calm
- iv. The author of this passage describes his or her feelings about rainy summer days. In general, how do you feel about such days? Do you agree with the author's opinions, or do you not mind this type of weather? Briefly explain your views. (5 marks)

(1 x 10 = 10 Marks)