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(OPEN COURSE)

Time: 2 Hours **Maximum Marks: 60**

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.
(Ceiling 20 marks)

1. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.
   To spend winter in a dormant state.
   a. Hoist
   b. Hibernate
   c. Convalesce
   d. Connote
2. Choose the word which is nearest of the opposite of the underlined word or phrase.
   The news brought by the maidservants was <u>authentic.</u>
   a. Authoritative
   b. Baseless
   c. Ridiculous
   d. Vacuous
3. Identify the phrasal verb in the following sentence and guess its meaning.
   Kendal takes after her elder sister.
4. Identify the sentence in which the definite article is **wrongly** placed.
   a. Who invented the telephone?
   b. He hails from the Kingdom of Cambodia.
   c. The sea seems calm today.
   d. The sixth chapter of this book is really intriguing.
   e. None of these
5. Rearrange the jumbled words given below to form meaningful sentences.
   a. A/be/the/I/that/am/anxious/success/party/should/.
   b. Holiday/long/doctor/a/the/suggested/taking/.
6. Identify the error in the following sentence and rewrite it correctly.
   Why she is crying?
7. Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.
   Steven is always _____ about showing up for work because he feels that tardiness is a sign of irresponsibility.
   a. legible b. tolerable c. punctual d. literal e. belligerent
8. Identify the error in the following sentence and rewrite it correctly.
   I look forward to watch the movie.
9. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No Substitution.'
   I enjoy <u>to watch</u> a good detective movie.
   a. Watching b. Watched c. No substitution d. Watch

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10. The question consists of four statements labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4 which when logically ordered form a coherent passage. Choose the option that represents the most logical order.
    1. Otherwise the Congress would not have opposed PSU disinvestment today.
    2. It is clear that there is no consensus on economic reform.
    3. Nor would allies of ruling NDA oppose privatization.
    4. All this would stop India from becoming the next superpower.
        a. 2134
        b. 1243
        c. 1234
        d. 2314
11. The question consists of four statements labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4 which when logically ordered form a coherent passage. Choose the option that represents the most logical order.
    1. Boys are encouraged to be tough and outgoing while girls are taught to be homebound and shy.
    2. As soon as a child is born, families and society begin the process of gendering.
    3. All these differences are gender based and they are created by society.
    4. The birth of the son is celebrated while the birth of a girl is often deemed a curse.
        a. 1432
        b. 2314
        c. 2413
        d. 3124
12. 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. In 2010-11, the studies conducted showed that the growth of exports from the various Indian States was robust.
    B. In the first half of 2011-12, there was robust export growth in case of Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
    C. The data on state of origin of goods showed that the two states, namely Gujarat and Maharashtra, accounted for 46 percent of exports from India.
    D. Only Goa had negative export growth due to fall in ore exports owing to a ban on exports of iron ore by the Karnataka government.
        a. ABCD
        b. CDBA
        c. ACBD
        d. BCDA

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

13. Match the following phrasal verbs with their correct meanings.

Phrasal Verb	**Meaning**
i. Get away	a. Arrive
ii. Turn up	b. Reject
iii. Tell off	c. To depend on/trust

iv. Turn down	d. Scold
v. Count on	e. Escape from a place/ have a holiday

14. Match the following.

Phrase	One word substitute
i. One who walks in sleep.	a. Callous
ii. A perception without objective reality.	b. Somnambulist
iii. A man devoid of kindness and sympathy.	c. Arsonphobia
iv. Fear of fire.	d. Acrophobia
v. Fear of heights	e. Hallucination

15. Each of the given sentences has a mistake. Identify the mistake and rewrite them correctly.
    a. You must stop to smoke.
    b. The man said me that he was Italian.
    c. My father doesn't like nowadays music.
    d. It is often raining here.
    e. He has been here since three days.

16. 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?
17. Outline the tricks to solve a para jumble/sentence rearrangement.
18. Which are the different types of passage that are commonly found in the reading comprehension section?
19. Given below are a few sentences given in a jumbled order. Rearrange and rewrite the sentences in the form of a coherent passage.
    A. These researchers have become so knowledgeable about their subjects that they have been guiding us to the right place at the right time.
    B. The great increase, during the past decade, in the number of scientists actively involved in observing animals in the wild is very important.
    C. They have guided us in seeing exactly that aspect of animal behaviour that was of particular interest to us.
    D. Almost every group of large animals is now being studied by scientists everywhere.

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SECTION C: Answer any *one* question. The question carries *ten* marks.

20. Insert ‘ei’ or ‘ie’ into the following.

a. Y_____ld
b. Br____f
c. N____ce
d. Forf____t
e. L_____ge
f. Surf____t
g. F____gn
h. Retr_____ve
i. Rec_____pt
j. Gr_____ve

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

a. He hasn't reached home yet, hasn't he?
b. If he sings well, he would win the first prize.
c. Natalie Portman is one of my favorite actor.
d. My uncle doesn't like coming to downstairs.
e. No sooner had she finished her project, when she started a new one.
f. He always hits me without any reason. It's really annoying.
g. He likes to never interact with strangers.
h. If she would have invited me, I would have come for the party.
i. He plays the piano, does he?
j. One of my friend is a surgeon in that hospital.

(1 x 10 = 10 Marks)