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General English - I

01 hour

Instruction : Answer all the questions.

Part A - Grammar and Vocabulary (35 marks)

- 01. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition from the list given below. Use each preposition once only. There is one preposition extra. (05 marks)**

(into, of, on, in, with, for)

His eyes fell (1) the elder boy playing with earth (2) a corner of the compound. His whole body was covered (3) it and his hair was full (4) it. Like Isabella Hamy's his hair too was long and it was curled (5) long ringlets which were now caked with mud.

- 02. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. (10 marks)**

What Sunil (1) (say) was a lie. Kamal did not know that. But Kamal's subtle mind (2) (become) aware that Sunil will not have the clothes that (3) (be) need. When Kamal went home that day, he saw his mother (4) (sit) on the lower step close to the threshing floors (5) (look) at the paddy (6) (thresh). On (7) (see) Kamal, she stood up from the parapet wall (8) (connect) the steps and (9) (climb) the steps. She went away (10) (hold) Kamal's hand.

- 03. Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text. (10 marks)**

Mother, there will be a girl calling. She has come from abroad, has a parcel for (1) (my, myself, I, me). She will bring it today. That was my son. Always being admired and liked (2) (in, at, by, off) girls. At 20, quite a lad. When she comes, mother, take the parcel and tell her I am (3) (sure, not, or, and) in, he continued. Now that was very strange.

Son, that is no way to treat (4) (a, an, of, some) girl, I commented, irritated at his lack of manners. Mother, please do (5) (with, as, when, how) I say now if she later says that I encouraged her or even asked her to my house, (6) (aren't, doesn't, isn't, don't) blame me. Now the situation was beyond me. I agreed. A few hours (7) (later, always, rarely, soon) the doorbell rang. Mother, that is her. Go, go and do the needful, he hissed in my ear. I hurried to (8) (an, a, the, our) door, at the same time removing the apron from my waist and (9) (or, also, not, at) smoothing the untidy strands of hair on my forehead. I was intrigued (10) (also, far, then, enough) to want to take a squint at the girl who had managed to put my son's nose out of joint.

04. Underline the most appropriate word from those given in brackets. (05 marks)

- (1) The missiles were (shed, split, sobbed, released) from a height of four thousand feet.
- (2) Your name has been (defaced, erased, deleted, mutilated) from the list.
- (3) Kids are all (apt, prone, open, prey) to eat junk food.
- (4) The new government is seen as one that will (stray, stick, steer, veer) the country in the right direction.
- (5) The judge (infested, imposed, invaded, infected) the severest possible penalty.

05. Underline the correct word ending selection from those given in brackets. (05 marks)

- (1) Everybody cheer (ing / s / ed) when the firemen arrived.
- (2) We are in regular communicat (ive / ion / ed) by email.
- (3) She is a highly compet (ence / ent / ently) linguist.
- (4) He kind (ness / er / ly) opened the door for me.
- (5) My new car is quite economic (s / ally / al).

Part B - Reading and Writing (25 marks)

06. Of the options given below each sentence in bold print, underline the one that best expresses its meaning. (05 marks)

- (1) Nimal had his van painted.
 - (a) Nimal and his servant painted the van.
 - (b) Nimal painted the van himself.
 - (c) Nimal got someone to paint the van.
 - (d) Nimal wanted to paint the van.

- (2) We enjoyed the tour despite the weather.
- (a) We enjoyed the tour because the weather was bad.
 - (b) Both the tour and the weather were enjoyable.
 - (c) We enjoyed the tour because the weather was fine.
 - (d) We enjoyed the tour although the weather was bad.
- (3) Nimali isn't as old as she looks.
- (a) Nimali is old but she doesn't look old.
 - (b) Nimali looks very young.
 - (c) Nimali isn't very young.
 - (d) Nimali looks older than she is.
- (4) I don't know as many students you do.
- (a) Both of us know the same number of students.
 - (b) I know more students than you do.
 - (c) You know more students than I do.
 - (d) I don't know the students you do.
- (5) Sashi no longer works in this company.
- (a) Sashi worked in this company a long time ago.
 - (b) Sashi has been working in this company for a long time.
 - (c) Sashi didn't work in the company for a long time.
 - (d) Sashi doesn't work in the company now.

07. Read the following text and do the activities that follow.

(10 marks)

Rabies is an ordinarily infectious disease of the central nervous system, caused by a virus and, as a rule, spread chiefly by domestic dogs. Man and all warm-blooded animals are **susceptible** to rabies. The people of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome thought rabies to be the work of evil spirits because ordinarily gentle and friendly animals suddenly became violent without **evident** cause and, after a period of wild behaviour, became paralyzed and died.

Experiments carried out in Europe in the early nineteenth century proved that the disease was infectious. Preventive steps, such as the destruction of stray dogs, were taken and by 1826 the disease was permanently **eliminated** in Norway, Sweden and Denmark, Although urban centres on the continent of Europe were cleared several times during the nineteenth century, they soon became reinfected since rabies was uncontrolled among wild animals.

During the early stages of the disease, a rabid animal is most dangerous because it appears normal and friendly, but it will bite at the slightest provocation. The virus is present in the salivary glands and passes into the saliva so that the bite of the infected **animal** introduces the virus into a fresh wound. If no action is taken, the virus may become **established** in the central nervous system and finally attack the brain. The incubation period **varies** from ten days to eight months or more,

and the disease developed more quickly the nearer to the brain the wound is. Most infected dogs become restless, nervous and irritable and vicious, then depressed and paralyzed. With this type of rabies, the dog's death is **inevitable** and usually occurs within three to five days after the **onset** of the symptoms.

(A) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the question from (i) - (iv).

- (i) Rabies is an ordinary infectious disease caused by ?
 - (a) a bacteria
 - (b) a fungus
 - (c) a virus
 - (d) an evil spirit
- (ii) Why did the ancient Greeks believe that rabies was caused by evil spirits ?
 - (a) Because it was caused by friendly animals.
 - (b) Because friendly animals suddenly became violent without evident.
 - (c) Because friendly animals were always violent.
 - (d) Because animals were very friendly with them.
- (iii) A rabid animal is most dangerous because,
 - (a) it appears normal and friendly but it will bite at the slightest provocation.
 - (b) it always tries to bite.
 - (c) it tries to escape.
 - (d) it appears normal and can't find any symptom.
- (iv) The meaning of the highlighted word "inevitable" is,
 - (a) not sure
 - (b) escapable
 - (c) avoidable
 - (d) bound to happen

(B) State whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- (v) Man and all warm - blooded animals are subjected to rabies. ()
- (vi) Rabies is caused for deaths. ()
- (vii) Virus attack only the central nervous system. ()
- (viii) Rabid dog dies within three to five months. ()
- (ix) The virus is present in the salivary glands. ()
- (x) Rabies is eradicated from Sri Lanka. ()

Our family planned to go on a trip after my exam. The day has arrived