



Department of Social Sciences

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ENGLISH LITERATURE

First Paper

Model Paper: 2

Modern English Usage, Phonetics and Language

Time: 3 hours Marks: 100 marks

i. a) Analyse any five of the following sentences in terms of SVOCA: 5

- I. Antiques stolen from the museum were being smuggled abroad.
- II. I offered the girl beside me a magazine to read.
- III. What they saw was an amazing sight.
- IV. That is what I ordered.
- V. Many considered them too weak to improve competitiveness.
- VI. To err is human, to forgive, divine.
- VII. The bulk of sales of dailies and periodicals is made via annual subscriptions.
- VIII. She danced on stage.

b) Identify the notion/concept expressed in any five of the following sentences: 5

- i. Is the disease infectious?
- ii. No liquor allowed.
- iii. Thou shall not commit a murder.
- iv. I wish you would shut that door when you go out.
- v. He ordered them to open the door.
- vi. Dan **would help** you if **you asked** him.
- vii. **Could I have a cup of tea?**

c) Mark the dependent clauses in any five of the following sentences: 5

- i. What the girl did was not very helpful.
- ii. He finally finished his novel, after months of research.
- iii. The trophy goes to whoever wins the race.
- iv. While I was asleep, the cat knocked over the plant.
- v. A helium nucleus has two protons, whereas hydrogen has only one.
- vi. Where is the ice cream that was in the freezer?

vii. After Mike sneezed all over the hamburger patties, no one wanted to eat.

d) Join any five of the following pairs of sentences using coordinate conjunction: 5

- i. My mother is very caring. My mother is strict.
- ii. Shyam is very smart. He easily solves problems.
- iii. Rita is very polite. Sheela is very rude.
- iv. Mohan fell down from the tree. He broke his leg.
- v. I respect him. He is a kind hearted man.
- vi. He fell asleep. He was tired.
- vii. I will eat. I am not late..
- viii. He is old. He is very energetic.

e) Complete the following sentences using appropriate subordinating conjunctions. 10

- 1) Peter didn't go to work yesterday ----- he was ill.
- 2) ----- he was feeling unwell; Pete didn't go to work yesterday.
- 3) I'll lend you a map ----- you can find the place more easily.
- 4) I'll call you ----- I get home.
- 5) I'll wait ----- you arrive.
- 6) ----- or not you agree, I think it looks fine."
- 7) "----- you hadn't heard, I couldn't care less."
- 8) Did he say anything ----- he left?
- 9) The baby gets very grumpy ----- he's tired.
- 10) ----- he doesn't change his attitude, he'll lose his job.

f) Use the following idioms and phrases in meaningful sentences: 5

- i. Blow down
- ii. Cut down
- iii. Hold good
- iv. Give way
- v. Lay down

g) Give one word substitute for the following: (any five) 5

- i. That which cannot be cured.
- ii. One who is well experienced.
- iii. A place fitted up for reading and study.
- iv. One who is liked by the people.
- v. That which cannot be repaired.
- vi. One whose wife is dead.

h) Give Antonyms of the following words: 5

- i. Miser
- ii. Leniency
- iii. Prudent
- iv. Plaintiff

v. Triumph

i) Give Synonyms of the following words: 5

- i. Haste**
- ii. Glory**
- iii. Grave**
- iv. Wholesome**
- v. Voluntary**

2) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it : 10

When another old cave is discovered in the south of France, it is not usually news. Rather, it is an ordinary event. Such discoveries are so frequent these days that hardly anybody pays heed to them. However, when the Lascaux cave complex was discovered in 1940, the world was amazed. Painted directly on its walls were hundreds of scenes showing how people lived thousands of years ago. The scenes show people hunting animals, such as bison or wild cats. Other images depict birds and, most noticeably, horses, which appear in more than 300 wall images, by far outnumbering all other animals.

Early artists drawing these animals accomplished a monumental and difficult task. They did not limit themselves to the easily accessible walls but carried their painting materials to spaces that required climbing steep walls or crawling into narrow passages in the Lascaux complex.

Unfortunately, the paintings have been exposed to the destructive action of water and temperature changes, which easily wear the images away. Because the Lascaux caves have many entrances, air movement has also damaged the images inside.

Although they are not out in the open air, where natural light would have destroyed them long ago, many of the images have deteriorated and are barely recognizable. To prevent further damage, the site was closed to tourists in 1963, 23 years after it was discovered.

- i. Which title best summarizes the main idea of the passage?**
 - A. Wild Animals in Art
 - B. Hidden Prehistoric Paintings
 - C. Exploring Caves Respectfully
 - D. Determining the Age of French Caves
- ii. The words pays heed to are closest in meaning to _____.**
 - A. discovers
 - B. watches
 - C. notices
 - D. buys
- iii. 14. Based on the passage, what is probably true about the south of France?**

- A. It is home to rare animals.
- B. It has a large number of caves.
- C. It is known for horse-racing events.
- D. It has attracted many famous artists.

iv. **According to the passage, which animals appear most often on the cave walls?**

- A. Birds
- B. Bison
- C. Horses
- D. Wild cats

v. **The word depict is closest in meaning to _____.**

- A. show
- B. hunt
- C. count
- D. draw

vi. **Why was painting inside the Lascaux complex a difficult task?**

- A. It was completely dark inside.
- B. The caves were full of wild animals.
- C. Painting materials were hard to find.
- D. Many painting spaces were difficult to reach.

vii. **The word They refers to _____.**

- A. walls
- B. artists
- C. animals
- D. materials

viii. **According to the passage, all of the following have caused damage to the paintings**

EXCEPT _____ .

- A. temperature changes
- B. air movement
- C. water
- D. light

ix. **What does the passage say happened at the Lascaux caves in 1963?**

- A. Visitors were prohibited from entering.
- B. A new lighting system was installed.
- C. Another part was discovered.
- D. A new entrance was created.

x. **when the Lascaux cave complex was discovered in**

- A. 1940
- B. 1943
- C. 1941

3) Write a theme for any one of the following:

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- a) **Right to Education**
- b) **Social media boon or ban**
- c) **Gender discrimination**

4) Write a critical appreciation of the following poem: 15

Let me not to the marriage of true minds

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Admit impediments; love is not love

Which alters when it alteration finds,

Or bends with the remover to remove:

O, no, it is an ever-fixèd mark,

That looks on tempests and is never shaken;

It is the star to every wand'ring bark,

Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.

Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks

Within his bending sickle's compass come;

Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,

But bears it out even to the edge of doom.

If this be error and upon me proved,

I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

5) Write a brief note on: 10

- a) Affricates**
- b) Diphthongs**
- c) Consonant**
- d) Plosives**
- e) Intonation**

5) Transcribe the following words and mark the primary stress: 5

- a) Regime**
- b) Transfer**
- c) Photograph**
- d) Trainer**
- e) Acquire**