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ENGLISH COMPULSORY

Paper—BCG-301

Time Allowed—3 Hours] [Maximum Marks—50

SECTION—A

**Note** :— *Twenty* questions on the usage of grammar.

The students are required to attempt *sixteen*.

**Put in the correct word :**

1. I always feel \_\_\_\_\_ when the sun is shining.  
(happy/happily)
2. The man became \_\_\_\_\_ when the manager of the restaurant asked him to leave. (violent/violently)
3. You look \_\_\_\_\_! Are you all right ?  
(terrible/terribly)
4. The soup tastes \_\_\_\_\_. (good/well)

**Complete the sentences with *in, at or on* :**

5. Is there anything interesting \_\_\_\_\_ the paper today ?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the street, there is a path leading to the river.
7. When I'm a passenger in a car, I prefer to sit \_\_\_\_\_ the front.
8. Paris is \_\_\_\_\_ the river Seine.

Put in *like* or *as* :

9. Sally has been working \_\_\_\_\_ a waitress for the last two months.
10. You're different from the other people I know. I don't know anyone else \_\_\_\_\_ you.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ her father, Catherine has a very good voice.
12. I think I prefer this room \_\_\_\_\_ it was before we decorated it.

**Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first :**

13. I don't mind big cities, but I prefer small towns.  
I prefer \_\_\_\_\_.
14. I got all the information I needed from Jane.  
Jane provided me \_\_\_\_\_.
15. This morning I bought a pair of shoes which cost £ 70.  
This morning I spent \_\_\_\_\_.
16. There are ten districts in the city.  
The city is divided \_\_\_\_\_.

**Complete the sentences using a verb in the correct form :**

17. Here's the money you need. \_\_\_\_\_ me back when you can.
18. Gary is very generous. He won some money in the lottery and \_\_\_\_\_ it all away.
19. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ that box away. It could be useful.
20. I'm going out now. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ back in about an hour.

1×16=16

## SECTION—B

I. (A) For each pair of sentences, circle the Continuing Idea Marker in the second sentence. Then answer the question that follows. Do any *three* :

(1) The traffic was very slow on the Interstate this morning. This made me thirty minutes late for my class.

Question : What caused the speaker to be late for class ?

(2) In high school, students who have no interest in the subject often disturb the class. This makes it harder for students who really want to learn.

Question : What may stop good high school students from learning ?

(3) A lot of people realize that exercise is important for health. This realization is one reason for the increasing numbers of North Americans who are members of health clubs.

Question : What realization is causing more Americans to join health clubs ?

- (4) The workers are asking for a 20 percent wage increase, longer vacations and better medical insurance. These demands may be too expensive for the company to agree to.

Question : What demands will the company probably not accept ?

- (5) Tom's father did not get angry with him when Tom had an accident and wrecked the family car. This surprised Tom.

Question : What surprised Tom ?

- (6) In the Southern United States, black children were not allowed to go to the same schools as white children, so they were sent to all-black schools. This practice continued until the 1960s.

Question : What practice continued until the 1960s ? 1×3=3

- (B) Complete the sentences with words from the list below (do any *three*) :

integrated, declined, hardships, flow, process, in succession.

- (1) Language shift is the technical name for the \_\_\_\_\_ by which a group of people move from one first language to a new first language.

- (2) You know that an immigrant family is becoming \_\_\_\_\_ into its new society if language shift takes place in its second or third generation.
- (3) For three years \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1840s, a new disease destroyed the potatoes in Ireland.
- (4) In the late 1840s, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Irish immigrants into the United States became very strong.
- (5) Before 1840, the population of Ireland had reached over 8 million. Then it \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly and by 1890 it was only 5 million.
- (6) Life in America had its own \_\_\_\_\_ for Irish immigrants in the 1850s. Because of anti-Irish prejudice, they had difficulties getting good jobs. 1×3=3

## II. Synonyms :

Give words that are similar in meaning to the following (do any *six*) :

- (1) workers
- (2) importance in society
- (3) to explain the meaning of something

- (4) to change in order to fit new circumstances
- (5) to choose
- (6) not probable
- (7) to disagree with something
- (8) causing deep disagreement
- (9) in reality
- (10) better
- (11) to try to answer or solve
- (12) to judge; to assess. 1×6=6

III. Attempt any *two* of the following :

- (1) How far do you agree with the poet when he says that our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thoughts ? ('To a Skylark')
- (2) 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci' is a poem full of beauty and mystery. Discuss.
- (3) What do images of twilight and sunset suggest in the poem 'That Time of Year Thou Mayst in Me Behold' ? 2×4=8

### SECTION—C

I. Explain the following passage with reference to the context :

"Only a sweet a virtuous soul,  
Like seasoned timber, never gives;  
But though the world turn to coal,  
Then chiefly lives."

OR

“Thou much is taken, much abides; and tho  
We are not now that strength which in old days  
Moved earth and heaven; that which we are,  
We are;  
One equal temper of heroic hearts,  
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will.  
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.”

1×7=7

II. Write an essay on any *one* of the two given topics :

Status of Women in India.

**OR**

Inflation.

1×7=7