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BCG-301 : ENGLISH COMPULSORY

Time Allowed—3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks—50

SECTION—A

Note :— *Twenty* questions on the usage of grammar. The students are required to attempt any *sixteen*.

1. Choose the correct word :

- (1) I didn't find the situation funny. I was not amusing/amused.
- (2) We were disappointing/disappointed with the film.
- (3) I think you behaved very selfish/selfishly.
- (4) I always feel happy/happily when the sun is shining.

Put in the correct preposition. If no preposition necessary, leave the space empty :

- (5) I've applied _____ three colleges. I hope one of them accepts me.
- (6) We waited _____ Steve for half an hour, but he never came.
- (7) Sally is often not well. She suffers _____ very bad headaches.

Put the adjectives in brackets in the correct position :

- (8) a big cat (fat/black)
- (9) an enormous umbrella (red/yellow)
- (10) a new sweater (green/nice)

Put the parts of the sentence in the correct order :

(11) (Sam/all the time/TV/watches)

(12) (some money/borrowed/from a friend of mine)

Make sentences with even. Use the words in brackets :

(13) We painted the whole room. (the floor) We _____.

(14) Sue has been all over the world. (the Antarctic)
She _____.

Complete the sentences with on time or in time :

(15) The train service isn't very good. The trains are rarely _____.

(16) I nearly missed my flight this morning. I got to the airport just _____.

Complete the sentences so that it has the same meaning as the first :

(17) I don't know how to answer your questions.
I can't think of an answer _____.

(18) The number of people without jobs fell last month.
Last month there was a fall _____.

Complete each sentence using a verb+on or off :

(19) There was a very loud noise. It sounded like a bomb _____.

(20) Peter is always trying to impress people. He's always _____.

1×16=16

SECTION—B

2. (A) Complete any *six* of sentences with words from the bracket :

(process, oppression, integrated, diversity, in transition, hardships, in succession, declined, flow, symbol)

(i) Language shift is the technical name for the _____ by which a group of people move from one first language to a new first language.

- (ii) One feature of Indian society is the _____ of languages that are spoken there. The country has more than 1,600 different languages.
 - (iii) Many immigrants to America left Europe to escape the religious _____ that caused friends and family members to suffer.
 - (iv) Nineteenth-century Europe was a continent _____ machines were replacing workers in agriculture and unemployment was rising.
 - (v) The Statue of Liberty may be the world's best-known _____ of freedom. For millions of immigrants, it signified the hope of a better future.
 - (vi) For three years _____ in the 1840s, a new disease destroyed the potatoes in Ireland.
 - (vii) In the late 1840s, the _____ of Irish immigrants into the United States became very strong.
 - (viii) Before 1840, the population of Ireland had reached over 8 million. Then it _____ rapidly and by 1890 it was only 5 million.
 - (ix) Life in America had its own _____ for Irish immigrants in the 1850s. Because of anti-Irish prejudice, they had difficulties getting good jobs. 1×6=6
- (B) Find words that are similar in meaning to the following :
- Do any *six* :
- (i) to agree that something is true
 - (ii) easy to see or understand

- (iii) with the use of logical thought
- (iv) clearly and completely shown or expressed
- (v) the belief that some races of people are better than others
- (vi) to allow someone to enter
- (vii) importance in society
- (viii) to explain the meaning of something
- (ix) to try to reach. 1×6=6

3. Attempt any *two* questions :

- (i) Who are the powers that Belinda worships and why ?
- (ii) What are the dew-drops compared to and why in the poem "Virtue" ?
- (iii) Why is Ulysses unhappy with his life as a King ? 4×2=8

SECTION—C

4. Explain any *one* of the given stanzas with reference to the context :

"O what can ail thee, knight-at-arms
Alone and palely, loitering ?"
The sedge is withered from the lake,
And no birds sing.

OR

And now, unveil'd, the toilet stands display'd
Each silver vase in mystic order laid.
First, robed in white, the nymph intent adores,
With head uncover'd, the cosmetic powers. 1×7=7

5. Write an essay on any *one* topic :

The Place of English in India

OR

The Value of Games. 1×7=7