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English

ENG 1A 01—TRANSACTIONS : ESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

(2019 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

Part I Speaking Skills

I. Read the following questions and do as directed. All questions can be answered. (Ceiling 20). Each question carries 2 marks :

- 1 You do not agree to an opinion made by your friend during a discussion. How will you express your disagreement politely ?
- 2 You prefer to study violin instead of guitar. Express your preference using *would rather*.
- 3 *Mohan will be back within two days* is a reply to a telephone call. Frame a suitable question used in telephonic English for this reply.
- 4 Rearrange the given jumbled sentence to get the correct expression used for soft disagreement, produce/ candidate/ examination/ should/ the/ hall /ticket /for/
- 5 Identify the vowel sounds in ***Wheat*** and ***White*** and categorize them as monophthong or diphthong.
- 6 Identify the sounds of the underlined letters in ***Chair*** and ***Measure*** and transcribe them.
- 7 *Ramesh had been here since seven o'clock*. Rewrite the sentence correctly. Justify your corrections.
- 8 *Govind is going to meet the manager today evening*. Frame a “Wh” question for this sentence.
- 9 *Thomas will go to the market today*. Identify the verb and helping verb in the sentence.
- 10 *Roshni can always count on her friends during her hardest times*. Identify the phrasal verb in the sentence and write its meaning.

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- 11 *Hima and Nirmal are **getting married** next month.* Write the idiomatic expression for the underlined words.
- 12 *The principal met students with **diverse** interests during my visit to the school.* Write the meaning of the underlined word in the given sentence.

II. Read the following questions and do as directed. All questions can be answered. (Ceiling 30). Each question carries 5 marks :

- 13 You are speaking to the receptionist of a restaurant where you wish to reserve a table for your family to dine in. Prepare a conversation using words like 'speaking,' 'hold on,' 'let me check.'
- 14 Elucidate the way in which the given words differ in articulation and meaning. Support your answers with examples.

Compress (N) & Compress (V)

Object (N) & Object (V)

- 15 Each given sentence has one word missing. Write it in and justify your answer.

I never seen snow.

You watch it yesterday ?

- 16 Reorder the given sentences and identify the tense in them.

Dangerous / More / The City / And More / Is Becoming

Tries / Ram / To / His / Improve / Habits / Work

- 17 Choose one phrasal verb and use it in two sentences of yours. *Count on / Turn down*

- 18 Choose one idiom and use it in two sentences of yours.

Lock horns / To tie the knot

- 19 The sentences below consist of some grammatical mistakes. Identify the mistakes and rewrite them correctly. Justify your corrections.

The building as well as its premises were dirty.

I had typed three pages since lunch time.

III. Read the following questions and answer any *one* of the following. (1 × 10 = 10)

20 Make up a reasonably long dialogue which contains expressions used for polite requests/persuasions/suggestions and their responses.

Speakers : Arun and Vivek

Situation : Arun and Vivek are planning to go abroad for higher studies. Prepare a conversation in which they discuss the courses, place and the time they wish to move abroad.

21 Read the text and do as directed.

Friendship, often touted as one of life's greatest treasures, is a bond that transcends mere acquaintanceship. It is a profound connection built on trust, understanding, and mutual respect. True friends stand by each other through thick and thin, offering support, encouragement, and a shoulder to lean on in times of need. The beauty of friendship lies in its ability to enrich our lives, bringing joy, laughter, and a sense of belonging.

At the heart of every genuine friendship is acceptance. True friends embrace each other's flaws and imperfections, celebrating what makes each individual unique. In a world where judgment and criticism often prevail, friendship offers a sanctuary of acceptance and understanding. It is a refuge where we can be our authentic selves without fear of judgment, knowing that our friends love us for who we are, not who we pretend to be.

Moreover, friendship is a source of profound joy and fulfillment. The memories shared, the laughter echoed, and the experiences cherished are the building blocks of a lasting bond. Whether in moments of triumph or moments of despair, friends stand by each other, offering unwavering support and companionship. Through the highs and lows of life, friendship remains a constant, a beacon of light illuminating our path and enriching our journey. In essence, friendship is not just a connection; it is a blessing that enriches our lives in countless ways.

Read the following sentences and choose the correct option (2 × 1 = 2)

- a) Friendship is merely an acquaintance with no deeper connection. False/True
- b) True friends only offer support and encouragement during moments of triumph. False/True

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Re-read the text and guess the meaning of the words in bold from the context. Then choose the right synonym or antonym. (2 × 1 = 2)

- c) "Friendship ... is a bond that *transcends* mere acquaintanceship." Which among the following is opposite in meaning to the italicized word ?
- (a) Outstrips. (c) Outshines.
(b) Descends. (d) None of these.
- d) "Friendship is a source of *profound* joy and fulfillment" Which among the following is the synonym of the italicized word ?
- (a) Similar. (c) Intense.
(b) Shallow. (d) None of these.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. The answers need not be directly stated in the passage. (3 × 2 = 6)

- e) Why is friendship often considered one of life's greatest treasures ?
- f) What is at the heart of every genuine friendship ?
- g) In what ways does friendship offer support and companionship ?