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**Language Course – English**

**EN 1212.1/EN 1211.2/EN 1211.3 : MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR  
AND USAGE**

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**(2013-2018 Admission)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. Identify the predicate in the sentence, "The first three chapters of the book are written in a beautiful style".
2. Change the statement "Manu can lift this box" into question.
3. Use the correct question tag for "Your sister bought a new house".
4. Identify the adverb in the sentence "The Prince fought bravely in the battle".
5. The iron is a useful metal.

(Identify the mistake in the use of the article and rewrite the sentence in the correct form)

6. "What a nice poetry!"

(Correct and rewrite the sentence)

7. To err is human, to forgive, divine.  
(Begin the sentence with "It")
8. Rekha was relieved on her duties.  
(Comment whether the given sentence is "correct" or "wrong")
9. One of the players was/were injured during the match.  
(Choose the correct form of the verb)
10. Each of the boys has/have scored good marks .  
(Choose the correct form of the verb)

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer **any eight** each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. Change the following into a complex sentence :
- (a) The man arrived on Friday. His name is John.
  - (b) This is an old fort. It was built by Akbar.
12. Change the following into simple sentence:
- (a) He finished his work. He took rest.
  - (b) She is a dancer. She is also a poet.
13. Give the basic pattern of the following sentences :
- (a) We should help the poor.
  - (b) He left the job unfinished.
14. Correct the following sentences.
- (a) They discussed about the matter.
  - (b) The book is full of valuable informations.

15. Change the voice.
- (a) He did not help me.
  - (b) She had already cooked the food.
16. Rewrite the sentence with 'it':
- (a) My father has bought a Ferrari.
  - (b) The boy threw the book into the fire.
17. Add the right question tag:
- (a) My mother cooks well, \_\_\_\_\_?
  - (b) Someone gave the right answer, \_\_\_\_\_?
18. Change into comparative.
- (a) Bangalore is the cleanest city in India.
  - (b) No other beach I have seen is so beautiful as Kovalam.
19. Frame a question so as to get the underlined word as the answer
- (a) The toy is made of plastic.
  - (b) I am six feet tall.
20. Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined words with an adverb.
- (a) I always talk to my elders in a polite manner.
  - (b) Guests will arrive in a short time.
21. Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentence :
- (a) ice cream / a good way / a hot day / eating / on / can / be / cool off / to
  - (b) was / Performance / Impressed / with / quite / his / I.



22. Rewrite the sentence by beginning with 'despite':

- (a) He is old but still he works hard.
- (b) Jack walked to school, even though the weather was cold.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six** of the following as directed.

23. Rewrite the following sentences with correct prepositions :

- (a) Please finish the work \_\_\_\_\_ evening.
- (b) The accident took place \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.
- (c) The teacher gave a lecture \_\_\_\_\_ Shakespeare.
- (d) I must apologize \_\_\_\_\_ you for the delay.
- (e) He has not fully recovered \_\_\_\_\_ his illness.
- (f) Children are fond \_\_\_\_\_ toys.
- (g) I am grateful \_\_\_\_\_ for your help.
- (h) He glanced \_\_\_\_\_ me.

24. Use the correct forms of words given:

I have a pet dog named Mickey. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (call) him by name, he \_\_\_\_\_ (respond) immediately. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) hungry, he \_\_\_\_\_ (draw) your attention somehow or other.

25. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the tenses:

- A. Remya : Rohan! Your friend Manas has \_\_\_\_\_ (send) you a postcard. It's from Kerala. It \_\_\_\_\_ (look) nice.
- B. Rohan : I bet it does!

A. Remya : He \_\_\_\_\_ (write) that it's very pleasant climate there.

B. Rohan : What else?

A. Remya : He has \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) you to his place.

B. Rohan : That's great!

26. Correct the following sentences.

(a) One must do his duty.

(b) I am waiting for him since Friday.

(c) I have bought some furnitures.

(d) This list is including all the girls in the class.

27. Fill up using articles

There is \_\_\_\_\_ table in my room and there is a flower vase on \_\_\_\_\_ table. It is \_\_\_\_\_ ivory vase and has \_\_\_\_\_ elephant's image engraved on it.

28. Complete the following sentences using suitable modals.

(a) He \_\_\_\_\_ (used to/ought to) run five kilometers every day last year.

(b) Medicines \_\_\_\_\_ (would/should) be kept away from children.

(c) He said he \_\_\_\_\_ (would/could) be happy to help me.

(d) We \_\_\_\_\_ (ought to/may) show consideration towards others.

29. Rewrite the following conversation in indirect speech.

Shilpa : Can I borrow your Mathematics textbook?

Jaya : Sure, You can. But when will you return it?

Shilpa : I will return it to you tomorrow.

Jaya : Please do as I have to prepare for the exams.



30. Complete the following sentences with personal pronouns or possessives
- (a) That's my brother's cup and this is \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Neither Ram nor his friends admitted \_\_\_\_\_ mistake.
- (c) Meena says that \_\_\_\_\_ has finished \_\_\_\_\_ lessons.
31. Rewrite the following passage providing the correct punctuations:

in the far-off village of rampur there was a prosperous merchant named prabhu his neighbour was his friend a rich merchant named vijay they were such close friends.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two** of the following.

32. Write a short essay on the topic, 'The Influence of media on youth' (Answer in about two to three pages)
33. Expand the proverb, "All that glitters is not gold" (Answer in about two to three pages)
34. Write a precis of the following passage:

A stamp is, to many people, just a slip of paper that takes a letter from one town or country to another. They are unable to understand why we stamp collectors find so much pleasure in collecting them and how we find the time in which to indulge in our hobby. To them it seems a waste of time, a waste of effort and a waste of money. But they do not realise that there are many who do buy stamps, many who find the effort worth-while and many who, if they did not spend their time collecting stamps, would spend it less profitably. We all seek something to do in our leisure hours and what better occupation is there to keep us out of mischief than that of collecting stamps? An album, a packet of hinges, a new supply of stamps, and the time passes swiftly and pleasantly.

Stamp-collecting has no limits and a collection never has an end; countries are always printing and issuing new stamps to celebrate coronations, great events, anniversaries and deaths. And the fascination of collecting is trying to obtain these stamps before one's rivals. Every sphere of stamp-collecting has its

fascination - receiving letters from distant countries and discovering old stamps in the leaves of dusty old books. A stamp itself has a fascination all its own. Gazing at its little picture we are transported to the wilds of Congo, the homes of the Arabs, and the endless tracks of the Sahara Desert. There is a history in every stamp. The ancient Roman Empire and the Constitution of America, India's Independence and the Allied victory, are all conveyed to our mind's eye means of stamps. We see famous men, pictures, writers, scientists, soldiers, politicians and famous incidents. Stamps, so small and minute, contain knowledge that is vast and important.

35. Construct a story from the following outline.

King discovers that his diamond is missing-suspects his three personal servants- calls them-each one denies the charge-king says he will find out the thief with the help of magic-gives them each a stick one foot long and says the thief's stick will be an inch longer the next day-next morning calls them and examine the sticks-one man's sticks-one inch shorter-caught.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)