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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2019

UEL 1205 – GENERAL ENGLISH I - INTERMEDIATE (COMMERCE)

Date: 09-11-2019

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00-12:00

I. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 35 words each.

5×3=15

1. What happened on the first day of the rain?
2. Why are animals and birds not allowed in the shelter?
3. What is meant by 'playing possum'?
4. What sort of discrimination did Martin Luther King fight against?
5. When can we say that somebody's speech is unacceptable?
6. How did the Postmaster and Ratan spend their free time?
7. Why does the narrator kill the old man?
8. Why did the father chastise his son?

II. Answer all the questions in about 150 each.

4×5=20

1. Explain the mother's love for the trees in the poem 'Ecology'.
Or
Comment on the optimism of the poet in 'Two Tramps in Mud Time'.
2. Discuss the kind of world view or belief system that Martin Luther King adheres to.
Or
'Even among English people, to speak well is a pedantic affectation' - Explain.
3. Write about the warnings given by the birds and the father's response to the warnings.
Or
'Monday morning portrays the life through the perspective of a child' - Elucidate.
4. Explain the series of emotions experienced by Ratan from the arrival of the post master till the arrival of the new incumbent.
Or
Write an alternate ending to the story, 'The Tell-Tale Heart'.

III. Answer any THREE of the following in about 350 words each.

3×15=45

1. What do you know of deforestation? What are the effects of deforestation? How can you prevent deforestation?
2. Explain the abbreviation BPL. What can be the measures to achieve economic equality in our country?
3. Describe a time in your life when your guilty conscience led you to do the right thing.
4. Considering the various problems we have in India, what is your vision for building a new India?
5. Write a letter to your childhood pal about the transition phase from school to college life.
6. Does the spread of nuclear weapons make the world safer or more dangerous? Substantiate your answers with suitable instances.

IV. Do the following as directed.

20×1=20

1. Tom said, "She works in an office." (Reported speech)
2. Lena said, "How is your journey?" (Reported speech)
3. Jeb said that they liked the song. (Direct speech)
4. She told me that she worked in an office. (Direct speech)

5. The picture was sketched by Peter. (Active voice)
6. Shut the door. (Passive voice)
7. Hobby in which one indulges for pleasure is called ____ (one word substitute)
8. A person without a settled home or regular work is called a ____ (one word substitute)
9. I like coffee. (Frame an interrogative sentence)
10. Susan ____ (write) to her parents every Sunday night. (suitable tense form)
11. We ____ (live) here for a year (suitable tense form).
12. They are having three cars. (Rewrite in standard British English)
13. I bought ___ pair of shoes. (suitable article)
14. ___ President of India is on a tour. (suitable article)
15. I could not go out _____ it was raining. (suitable conjunction)
16. Ram ____ Sita make a good pair. (suitable conjunction)
17. She was beautiful. (Identify the sentence pattern)
18. My father presented me a watch. (Identify the sentence pattern)
19. I have not brought my notebook. (Convert into positive sentence)
20. Prem ____ (not/ to collect) stamps. (contracted form of the auxiliary)

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