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## Generic Elective Course 5D01 (1) ENG: ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

Time: 2 Hours Max. Marks: 20

- I. Write an essay in 150 words on any one of the following: (1×5=5)
  - Explain the role of punctuation in academic writing. Provide examples where punctuation changes meaning entirely.
  - 2) Prepositions are often called the 'tricky connectors' in English grammar. Discuss their importance and common errors made by learners.
- II. Answer any one of the following questions as directed: (1x3=3)
  - Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the box to fill in the blanks below.
     (come up with, get over, brought up, look after, called off, look into, work out)
    - a) The scientist managed to \_\_\_\_\_ a completely new theory that challenged the existing model.
    - b) Many brilliant ideas were \_\_\_\_\_ during the brainstorming session, but only a few were feasible.
    - c) The student tried to \_\_\_\_\_ complex concepts by breaking them into smaller parts.
  - 4) Read the following sentences and correct the errors, if any.
    - a) Neither the teacher nor the students was aware of the announcement.
    - b) He insisted to attend the meeting despite being unwell.
    - c) The committee have submitted its report yesterday.

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II. Ar	nswer any twelve of the following questions as directed: (12×1=12)
5)	She (is knowing, knows, was knowing) the answer.
	(Choose the correct form from the brackets.)
6)	She can speak French,?
	(Add a suitable question tag.)
7)	She has went to market.
	(Correct the sentence using the correct tense form.)
8)	There is university near London bridge.
	(Use articles, if necessary, to fill in the blanks.)
9)	You finish this work by tomorrow itself. (must/can/may)
	(Fill in the blank by using the correct modal.)
10)	Choose the correct collocation : (heavy/strong) rain.
11)	teacher said honesty is the best policy. (Punctuate and capitalise properly.)
12)	Give antonym of the following words by choosing the right one from the bracket.
	a) polite (rude/gentle/kind)
	b) vague (clear/obscure/uncertain)
13)	She was upset when her request for a scholarship was
	(called up, turned down, look into)
	(Fill in the blank using the correct phrasal verb.)
14)	Give synonyms of the following words by choosing the right one from the bracket.
	a) amused (entertained/bored/angry)
_0	b) melancholy (sad/joyful/bright)
15)	The jury were divided in its opinion. (Correct the sentence, if required.)
16)	Make sentence using the following idiom.
	'the ball is in your court'.
17)	He is good mathematics. (Fill in the blanks by using suitable prepositions.)
18)	Reorder the following jumbled sentence.
•3	Blessing/to/job/that/because/losing/it/led/a/me/a/better/was/in/career/disguise.