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(2019 – 2021 Admissions)  
**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)

- 1) The uses of articles in English.
- 2) Explain the major tenses in English.

II. Answer **any one** of the following as directed. (1×3=3)

- 3) Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the box to fill in the blanks below.  
(break into, get along with, came down with, came across)
- a) The fireman had to \_\_\_\_\_ the room to rescue the cat.
  - b) I find it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ my colleagues.
  - c) When Mary was cleaning the cupboard, she \_\_\_\_\_ some old photographs.

4) Read the following passage and answer **any three** of the following questions.

Have you ever failed at something so miserably that the thought of attempting to do it again was the last thing you wanted to do ?

If your answer is yes, then you are "not a robot". Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions and dreams. We are all meant to grow and stretch despite our circumstances and our limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true is great when life is going our way. But what happens when it's not ? What happens when you fail despite all of your hard work ? Do you stay down and accept the defeat or do you get up again and again until you are satisfied ? If you have a tendency to persevere and keep going then you have what experts call, grit.



Falling down or failing is one of the most agonizing, embarrassing, and scariest human experiences. But it is also one of the most educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance (grit) is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the keys to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self-control, social intelligence, and zest. Thomas Edison is a model for grit for trying 1,000 plus times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the lights on in your room, you know well he succeeded. When asked why he kept going despite his hundreds of failures, he merely stated that what he had been were not failures. They were hundreds of ways not to create a light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side.

Grit can be learned to help you become more successful. One of the techniques that helps is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a practice that helps the individual stay in the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgement. This practice has been used to quiet the noise of their fears and doubts. Through this simple practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair and frustration.

What did you do to overcome the negative and self-sabotaging feelings of failure? Reflect on what you did, and try to use those same powerful resources to help you today.

- a) According to the passage, what are the attributes of a human?
- b) What is perceived as grit?
- c) How is 'failing' an educational and empowering part of human life?
- d) In what ways can grit be developed?

III. Answer **any twelve** of the following questions as directed. (12×1=12)

- 5) One of the dancers \_\_\_\_\_ my village.  
(belong to, belongs to, are belonging to)  
[Choose the correct form from the bracket.]
- 6) A travel agent gave me \_\_\_\_\_ information about \_\_\_\_\_ hotels.  
[Use articles, if necessary, to fill in the blanks.]
- 7) By profession, an artist \_\_\_\_\_ (creates/is creating) a picture whereas an author \_\_\_\_\_ (writes/is writing) a book.  
[Choose the correct tense form from the brackets.]



- 8) You \_\_\_\_\_ work hard if you want to get good marks.  
[Fill in the blank by using the correct modal.]
- 9) We were looking \_\_\_\_\_ the documents which were kept \_\_\_\_\_  
a safe.  
[Fill in the blank by using suitable prepositions.]
- 10) Nobody has called for me, \_\_\_\_\_  
[Add a suitable question tag.]
- 11) Michael in the ferrari was cornering superbly  
[Punctuate and capitalize properly.]
- 12) The furnitures were put to auction.  
[Correct the sentence, if required.]
- 13) Give synonym of the following words by choosing the right one from the  
brackets.  
a) Sleek (ration, loose, coarse, glossy)  
b) Dilapidated (sincere, concealed, crumbling, relinquish)
- 14) Reorder the following jumbled sentence.  
all / in / goes / running / he / weathers.
- 15) Give antonym of the following words by choosing the right one from the  
brackets.  
a) Impudent (lackluster, creative, natural, polite)  
b) Peril (safety, dire, sympathy, irrational)
- 16) Make sentence using the following idiom.  
'a blessing in disguise'.
- 17) He assured me that he was not trying to \_\_\_\_\_ any information.  
(hold back, hold up, hold on)  
[Fill in the blank by using the correct phrasal verb.]
- 18) Complete the following collocation.  
\_\_\_\_\_ trouble.
- \_\_\_\_\_