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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

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EL 2059 - ENG. FOR RES.DEVL.THROUGH CUR.TREND

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Time : 9:00 - 12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

I) Choose the right answer:

(20x 1= 20 marks)

- 1) Mr. Jockin won theaward
a. Bharat Ratna b. Padmashree c. Magsaysay d. Padma Bhushan
- 2) The 12,000 families in Janata Colony were asked to vacate
a. to facilitate the construction of a stadium b. to accommodate 3000 families working in the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre c. to build a Shopping Mall
d. to facilitate the creation of a Special Economic Zone.
- 3) The people in the first room made use of the spoon to
a. fight b. help others c. to drink the soup d. to mix the soup
- 4) Heaven and Hell are
a. not in the world b. in the world c. made by human behaviour
d. found only in religions.
- 5) The lesson Prophet and the Long spoons is more about
a. intelligence b. human relationship c. positive attitude d. leader potential
- 6) Maanji's hometown was
a. Lahore b. Calcutta c. Rawalpindi d. Bombay
- 7) Maanji described a frightful incident to her son. What was the 'frightful incident'?
a. death of her neighbour b. the killing of a tonga-wallah c. the killing of Sikhs in Punjab d. the killing of a muslim tailor.
- 8) Mr. Know it All refers to
a. Mr. Ramsey b. Mr. Preger c. Mr. Max Kelada d. Somerset Maugham
- 9) The visually challenged man near the window described the scene outside the window so as
a. to encourage his sick roommate b. to spend his free time c. to fool his roommate d. because the nurse had told him to do so.
- 10) When Standard Motors was closed in the year 1971.....came forward to resolve the situation
a. the members of the Trade Union b. the representatives from the Management
c. the Industries Minister d. a group of college students.
- 11) Rosa Parks was working as a
a. sales woman b. seamstress c. receptionist d. nurse
- 12) A 'diktat' refers to
a. a response b. a rule c. a threat d. an order from someone in power
- 13) Namma Bhoomi is
a. a union of working children b. a health programme c. an educational programme
d. a women's organisation

- 14) A 'phad' refers to
a. an enormous piece of cloth painted by children with different stories b. a story book for children c. a toy shop d. a kind of clothing for children.
- 15) The Prime Minister says that development of India can be achieved only if the Central Government collaborates with
a. State Government b. Panchayat Raj Institutions c. civil society groups d. all of the above.
- 16) Nelson Mandela's speech is against
a. Democracy b. Dictatorship c. Apartheid d. Caste
- 17) According to Nelson Mandela, the South African President De Klerk is
a. a good man b. a man of integrity c. a bad man d. not trustworthy
- 18) In Nelson Mandela's speech there is an appeal to
a. Whites b. Blacks c. International Communities d. Indians
- 19) India is an idea of a nation which has a
a. civilisational unity b. a historical commonality
c. a common geographical space d. all of the above.
- 20) Mrs Van Beuningen, the Dutch lady exhibited her.....to free the prisoners
a. courage b. lobbying skills c. perseverance d. all of the above.

II) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

5x2=10 marks

Water, Water Everywhere

Nearly 71% of the world comprises water. However, out of this, only 1% is fresh water! Of this, about 70% is used to grow food. Given that there are nearly 7 billion people on the Earth and another few million animals and birds, there is very little water left to drink! Water on the Earth exists in the form of ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, seas, oceans, glaciers and underground aquifers (layers of rock or soil below the ground, from which water can be drawn).

There are various theories as to how water has come into existence on the Earth. These include alien sources, cooling of the planet over billions of years till there was enough pressure for water retention, comets colliding with the earth and forming water bodies, gradual leakage of water stored in hydrous minerals of the Earth's rocks, and photosynthesis.

Let us discuss the concept of water formation due to photosynthesis. Billions of years ago, the gases on the Earth were methane, carbon dioxide and water vapour. There existed micro organisms that synthesized methane for their survival. One day, the Earth ran out of methane. Many micro organisms became extinct. But, thanks to evolution, a few lucky ones had grown a pigment known as chlorophyll to synthesize carbon dioxide in the presence of sunlight. This meant the birth of water. The water thus released by billions of micro organisms over billion of years formed various water bodies on the Earth.

Questions.

1. What are the various forms of water on Earth?
2. List two theories which could be the most appropriate concept of water formation according to you.
3. Why did many micro organisms become extinct?
4. How did the 'lucky ones' survive?
5. Write two ways of saving water for future use.

III) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

5x2=10 marks

In Montgomery, as in most Southern cities, most of the passengers were Black. Despite this fact, or perhaps because of it, the first four seats on all buses were reserved for White people and could not be used, under any circumstances by the Blacks. (It was a common sight in those days to see Black men and women standing in silence and silent fury over the four empty seats reserved for the Whites). Behind these four seats was a middle section or no man's land of two or three seats which blacks could use if there was no White demand. But the rule was Rosa Parks remembered later, 'that if the front section filled up and one white person came to sit in the middle section, all Blacks in the middle section had to get up and stand in the back.

There was no need for Rosa Parks to rehearse all this. This was a history engraved in her bones and viscera. In fact she had been evicted from the bus some twelve years before refusing to obey the rule that required blacks to pay in the front and enter in the rear. But on this day she wasn't looking for trouble. All she wanted was a comfortable seat. She had had one of those days we shall have from time to time, and a person with a keen eye would have seen that this was not the day, this was not the hour, to give this mild-mannered woman a hard time.

Questions.

1. Why were the first four seats reserved for the Whites?
2. Why did the Blacks stand in silent fury over the four empty seats?
3. Who were allowed to sit in the middle section?
4. Why was Rosa Parks evicted from the bus twelve years back?
5. Name two leaders who fought against Racial Discrimination.

IV) Answer any FOUR of the following in about 100 words each: (4x5 =20) marks

1. What was the roommate's surprise in the lesson 'The Window'?
2. Why was V. Nagar not allowed to function?
3. Why did Maanji's Muslim neighbours plead with her to leave the country?
4. How does worrying affect health?
5. Describe briefly what the Orthodox believer saw in the first room.
6. What is implied by "Build Ram in your heart"?
7. What is Bhima Sangha and how does it help working children?

V) Answer any TWO of the following in about 250 words each: (2X 15= 30)marks

1. Explain any three types of discrimination that you find in Indian society and suggest ways to abolish these discriminations
2. Describe the character of Maanji.
3. Violence against women is a global curse. Explain.
4. Write an essay on the obstacles that do not allow you to progress in life. How will you overcome them?

VI) Answer any ONE of the following in about 200 words: (1 x 10= 10) marks

1. Write a letter to your friend who lives abroad on how students have changed the politics of a country.

Or

2. Read the following points taken from the Prime Minister's speech and make use of them to write an essay of 200 words.

- Development in the tribal areas.
- Improving Agriculture
- Need for improving infrastructure
- Growth in the field of education
- Concern for the environment
