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English

ENG 1A 01—TRANSACTIONS : ESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

(2019—2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

**Part I (Speaking Skills)**

I. Read the following questions and do as directed. All questions can be answered. (Ceiling 20). Each question carries 2 marks :

- 1 You are discussing an art project with your friend and you suddenly feel hungry and want to order food online. How will you suggest this to your friend ?
- 2 You were informed by your assistant that there was a call from a client to discuss the ongoing project. Express your thoughts using the expression *get back to*.
- 3 *I'm afraid, we are already booked* is the reply to a telephone call. Frame a suitable question used in telephonic English for this reply.
- 4 Rearrange the given jumbled sentence to get the correct expression used for taking permission : *mobile / I / your / borrow / can*.
- 5 Identify the vowel sounds from the words, **house** and **clear** and categorise them accordingly as monophthong or diphthong.
- 6 Identify the sounds of the underlined letters in ***Ship*** and ***Though*** and transcribe them.
- 7 *This is the house they live*. Look at the statement and rewrite it correctly. Justify your corrections.
- 8 *I commute by bus daily*. Frame a “**Wh**” question for this sentence.
- 9 *The key is missing from the keychain*. Identify the main verb and the helping verb in the sentence.
- 10 *I'm going to nerd out and not go on the river trip*. Identify the phrasal verb and write its meaning.

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- 11 *He received the benefits of his relentless hard work.* Write the idiomatic expression for the underlined words.
- 12 *The modern-day malady of addiction to technology is alarmingly on the rise.* Write the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

II. Read the following questions and do as directed. All questions can be answered. (Ceiling 30). Each question carries 5 marks :

- 13 Prepare a short telephonic conversation in which phrases like *really, how wonderful, happy, over the moon now, etc.* occur.
- 14 Elucidate the ways in which the given words differ in articulation and meaning. Support your answers with examples.

*Present (N) & Present (V)*

*Book (N) & Book (V)*

- 15 Each given sentence has one word missing. Write it in and justify your answer.

*We arrived the station.*

*Pack your luggages quickly.*

- 16 Reorder the given sentences and identify the tense in them.

*train / stops / the / station / Passenger / every / at.*

*ringing / the / I / telephone / When / room / was / entered / the*

- 17 Choose one phrasal verb and use it in two sentences of yours : *carry on / dive into.*

- 18 Choose one idiom and use it in two sentences of yours :

*Apple of one's eye / pull strings*

- 19 The sentences below consist of some grammatical mistakes. Identify the mistakes and rewrite them correctly. Justify your corrections :

*The girl won the prize is clever.*

*Ten kilometers are not a long distance by car*

III. Read the following questions and answer any one of the following. (1 × 10 = 10)

- 20 Make up a reasonable long conversation which contains expressions used for enquiry/anxiety/politeness/confirmation

**Speakers :** Railway ticket counter personnel and tourist

**Situation :** A tourist has come to a railway station and finds out that he/she has missed the train to Emakulam and wants to inquire/book a new ticket or make a new reservation.

- 21 Read the text and do as directed.

### **The Roman Empire**

The Roman Empire was one of the greatest and most influential civilizations in world history. At its height, it spanned three continents and included more than 50 million people.

The Romans were known for their military prowess, their sophisticated system of government, and their impressive architectural achievements, including the construction of roads, aqueducts, and public buildings.

The Roman Republic, which lasted from the 6th century BC to the 1<sup>st</sup> Century BC, was a model of governance that influenced many later civilizations. It was a federal system of government that divided power between the Roman Senate and the People's Assembly.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Century BC, the Roman Republic was replaced by the Roman Empire, which was ruled by a dictator called the Roman Emperor. The Roman Empire saw the construction of many impressive buildings and the expansion of the Roman military. However, it has also seen numerous internal conflicts, including the rise of various factions vying for power.

Despite these challenges, the Roman Empire was able to endure for more than five centuries, until it finally collapsed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century. Today, the legacy of the Roman Empire can be seen in the many cultural and architectural achievements it left behind.

Read the following sentences and choose the correct options. (2 × 1 = 2 marks)

- a) The Roman Republic was a federal system of government that divided power between the Roman Senate and the People's Assembly was a model of governance that influenced many later civilizations. *True / False*
- b) It was in 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD that Roman Republic was replaced by the Roman empire. *True / False*

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Re-read the text and choose the correct answer. (2 × 1 = 2 marks)

- c) The Romans were known for their military prowess, their *sophisticated* system of government, and their impressive architectural achievements, including the construction of roads, aqueducts, and public buildings. Which among the following is closest meaning to the italicised word ?
- a) Modern.
  - b) Fashionable.
  - c) Cultured .
  - d) Subtle.
- d) “Today, the legacy of the Roman Empire can be seen in the many cultural and architectural achievements it left behind.” Which among the following best expresses the idea of the given sentence in the story ?
- a) Roman civilisation has little influence in the present world.
  - b) The Roman heritage is such that it still influences and shapes modern day cultural and architectural achievements.
  - c) Roman people are exemplary to the modern world.
  - d) Roman empire has only a little presence in the present society.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. The answers need not be directly stated in the passage. (3 × 2 = 6 marks)

- e) What was the Roman Republic known for ?
- f) Comment on glory of the Roman Empire ?
- g) How long did the Roman Empire last ?