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English

ENG 1A 01—TRANSACTION : ESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part I (Speaking Skills)

I. Answer any *six* out of the following seven questions. Each question carries $\frac{1}{2}$ mark :

1 "I'd rather" is :

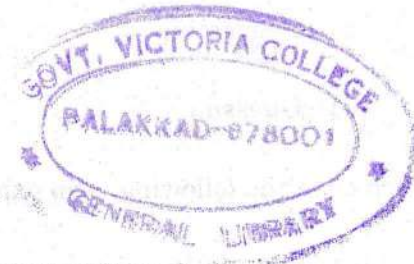
- (a) An expression of disagreement.
- (b) An expression of encouragement.
- (c) An expression of preference.
- (d) an expression of agreement.

2 Which among the following is the politest way to state your opinion ?

- (a) I have another opinion.
- (b) My opinion is better than yours.
- (c) Your opinion is weak.
- (d) The way I see it is different from yours.

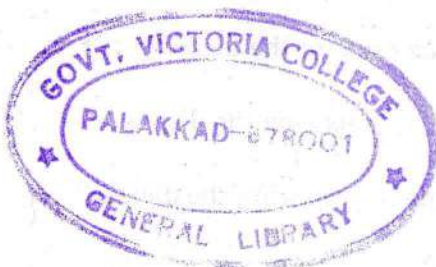
3 Which among the following is the politest way to request for help ?

- (a) Would you mind helping me in preparing the dishes ?
- (b) Can you help me prepare the dishes ?
- (c) Please help me in preparing the dishes.
- (d) Will you help me in preparing the dishes ?



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4. "Keep up the good work" is an example of :
- (a) Expression of comforting.
 - (b) Expression of preference.
 - (c) Expression of encouragement.
 - (d) Expression of agreement.
5. "Why don't you go out with your friends to watch a movie" is an example of :
- (a) Encouraging.
 - (b) Comforting.
 - (c) Suggesting.
 - (d) Guessing.
6. Which of the following is an expression showing contrast ?
- (a) On one hand, the internet has many advantages, but on the other, it has a lot of disadvantages.
 - (b) I would like to give my opinion on children using the internet.
 - (c) On the whole, the internet has many pros and cons.
 - (d) The students prefer learning through the videos available on the internet.
7. "I agree entirely with your point of view" is showing :
- (a) Strong disagreement.
 - (b) Neutral agreement.
 - (c) Partial agreement.
 - (d) Strong agreement.



(6 × ½ = 3 marks)

II. Match the items in column A with those in column B :

- | A | B |
|---|---|
| 8 Do you have the same opinion? | (a) Not at all. I'd be glad to. |
| 9 Could I borrow your pen ? | (b) I'd rather go to the park. |
| 10 Would you mind explaining your point ? | (c) Sure, hold on a second. |
| 11 Shall we go for an outing ? | (d) No, my opinion is way different from his. |
| 12 Do you need any help ? | (e) I strongly agree. |
| 13 Can I speak to George. | (f) No, I'm fine. I'll manage it on my own. |
| 14 Do you want to go to the beach ? | (g) Perhaps another day. |
| 15 Do you agree to this ? | (h) Certainly, but don't forget to return it. |

(8 × ½ = 4 marks)

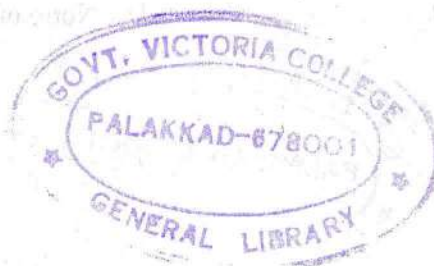
III. From the given situations choose any *two* and make up a short dialogue (not less than six exchanges).
Each question carries 3 marks :

- 16 Speakers : Boss and an employee.

Situation : The employee wants to take leave from work the coming week in order to visit his parents who live far away. The boss grants him permission after giving him a few works to be completed before leaving.

- 17 Speakers : Teacher and a parent :

Situation : The teacher talks to the parent of a student regarding her unique interest and skill in sports. The teacher tells that she is impressed by the student's achievements in the sports activities of the school and encourages the parent to provide her the required coaching in the field.



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18 Speakers : A child and his parents.

Situation : A child has completed his 12th grade with good marks and is confused about the course he must take next. He asks his parents to tell him their opinion and finally reaches at a conclusion.

(2 × 3 = 6 marks)

IV. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences to get correct expressions used for giving opinion. Each question carries 1 mark :

19 View a Kerala my option be in will good.

20 I we to now think preparing need start.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

Part II (Pronunciation)

I. Read the following questions and choose the correct options. Each question carries ½ mark :

21 The last sound in the word "breath" is a _____.

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| (a) Pure vowel. | (b) Diphthong. |
| (c) Consonant. | (d) None of the above. |

22 The consonant sound /s/ occurs in :

- | | |
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| (a) Choir. | (b) Children. |
| (c) Cinnamon. | (d) Cry. |

23 In the word "desert," which means to abandon, the stress falls on the _____ syllable.

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| (a) First. | (b) Third. |
| (c) Second. | (d) None of the above. |

24 The sound /e/ in pen is a :

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| (a) Diphthong. | (b) Consonant. |
| (c) Pure Vowel. | (d) None of the above. |

(4 × ½ = 2 marks)



II. Identify the sounds of the letters shown in bold and write their transcription. Each question carries 1 mark :

25 Child.

26 Cat.

27 Car.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

III. Answer the following. Each question carries 1 mark :

28 Select the word which has the same vowel as in large :

(a) Glass.

(b) Glad.

29 Select the word with a diphthong :

(a) Choice.

(b) Lunch.

30 The silent letter in the word "cupboard" is _____.

31 The vowel represented by 'A' in Farm is a diphthong. True/False.

32 There are eight diphthongs in the English language. True/False.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Part III (Grammar)

I. Choose the correct sentences from those given. Each question carries ½ mark :

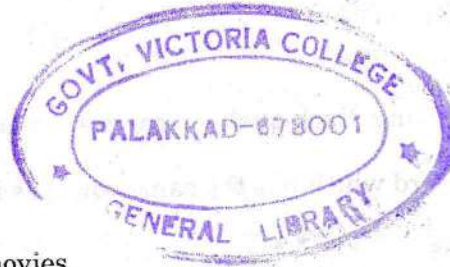
33 (a) I chose the red dress yesterday.

(b) I choosed the red dress yesterday.

(c) I chooses the red dress yesterday.

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- 34 (a) Would you mind dropping me home ?
(b) Would you mind drop me home ?
(c) Would you mind to dropping me home ?
- 35 (a) He losed his wallet.
(b) He lose his wallet.
(c) He lost his wallet.
- 36 (a) This is one of my favourite movies.
(b) This is one of my favourite movie.
(c) One of favourite movies are this.



(4 × ½ = 2 marks)

II. Complete the following correctly. Each question carries 1 mark :

- 37 The are going to the mall now. The tense of the sentence is _____.
- 38 I heard you play the guitar well. The verbs in the sentences are _____ and _____.
- 39 Write a sentence politely asking someone to keep the tv volume low.
- 40 Write a sentence politely refusing a help offered to you by your friend.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

III. Answers of some questions are provided below. Write down the questions. Each question carries 1 mark :

- 41 We went to the beach on Sunday.
- 42 I know her right from my college days.

- 43 Don't worry, you are definitely going to pass the exam.
- 44 I don't think we will be doing a good job by bunking the class tomorrow.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

IV. Reorder the following jumbled sentences. Each question carries 1 mark :

- 45 We to for planned have go America our to vacation.
- 46 Were for we pair looking a of white whole evening the shoes.
- 47 Organized I was programme think not well the.
- 48 Birthday to give was it his wanted fifth and surprise a him twenty we.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

V. Rewrite the following sentences correctly. Each question carries 1½ mark :

- 49 We have overcame the incident.
- 50 She asked me what was my name.
- 51 I prefers to be alone.
- 52 She said me about the problem.



(4 × 1½ = 6 marks)

Part IV (Reading)

Mount Vesuvius, a volcano located between the ancient Italian cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, has received much attention because of its frequent and destructive eruptions. The most famous of these eruptions occurred in A.D. 79.

The volcano had been inactive for centuries. There was little warning of the coming eruption, although one account unearthed by archaeologists says that a hard rain and a strong wind had disturbed the celestial calm during the preceding night. Early the next morning, the volcano poured a huge river of molten rock down upon Herculaneum, completely burying the city and filling the harbor with coagulated lava.

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Meanwhile, on the other side of the mountain, cinders, stone and ash rained down on Pompeii. Sparks from the burning ash ignited the combustible rooftops quickly. Large portions of the city were destroyed in the conflagration. Fire, however, was not the only cause of destruction. Poisonous sulfuric gases saturated the air. These heavy gases were not buoyant in the atmosphere and therefore sank toward the earth and suffocated people.

Over the years, excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum have revealed a great deal about the behavior of the volcano. By analyzing data, much as a zoologist dissects an animal specimen, scientists have concluded that the eruption changed large portions of the area's geography. For instance, it turned the Sarno River from its course and raised the level of the beach along the Bay of Naples. Meteorologists studying these events have also concluded that Vesuvius caused a huge tidal wave that affected the world's climate.

In addition to making these investigations, archaeologists have been able to study the skeletons of victims by using distilled water to wash away the volcanic ash. By strengthening the brittle bones with acrylic paint, scientists have been able to examine the skeletons and draw conclusions about the diet and habits of the residents. Finally, the excavations at both Pompeii and Herculaneum have yielded many examples of classical art, such as jewellery made of bronze, which is an alloy of copper and tin. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius and its tragic consequences have provided everyone with a wealth of data about the effects that volcanoes can have on the surrounding area. Today, volcanologists can locate and predict eruptions, saving lives and preventing the destruction of other cities and cultures.

I. Read the following sentences and write the correct answer. Each question carries 1 mark :

53 Mount Vesuvius has received much attention because of its frequent and destructive eruptions.

True/False/Not Given

54 Fire was the only cause of destruction. True/False/Not Given.

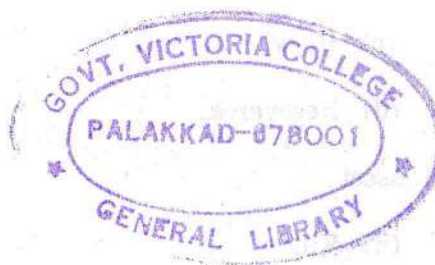
- 55 On analyzing data, it was clear that the volcanic eruption had altered a large portion of the area's geography. True/False/Not Given.
- 56 Though the volcano eruption had occurred, it did not affect or turn the course of the Sarno river. True/False/Not Given.
- 57 Though scientists tried to examine the skeletons, they were not able to arrive at any conclusions. True/False/Not Given.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Read the questions given below and choose the most suitable option. Each question carries 1 mark :

58 The most famous eruption occurred in :

- (a) AD 78.
- (b) AD 75.
- (c) AD 79.
- (d) AD 77.



59 The volcano poured a huge river of molten rock down upon _____.

- (a) Herculaneum.
- (b) Sarno River.
- (c) Pompeii.
- (d) Bay of Naples.

60 Which was the poisonous gas that saturated the air ?

- (a) Hydrogen Sulphide.
- (b) Carbon dioxide.
- (c) Hydrogen halides.
- (d) Sulphuric.

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61 Stone and ash rained down _____.

- (a) Sarno River.
- (b) Bay of Naples.
- (c) Herculaneum.
- (d) Pompeii.



(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

III. Read the passage and try to guess the meaning of the following words in the given context. Write the correct options. Each question carries 1 mark :

62 Unearthed :

- (a) Found.
- (b) Dig a hole.
- (c) Bury.
- (d) Recovered.

63 Dissect:

- (a) Kill.
- (b) Cut and examine.
- (c) Divide.
- (d) Break down.

64 Victims:

- (a) People who died.
- (b) Attackers.
- (c) People who were partially injured.
- (d) Wounded.

65 Bouyant :

- (a) Immersed.
- (b) Float.
- (c) Mix.
- (d) Submerged.

(4 × 1 = 4 marks)

IV. Write the correct answer. Each question carries 1 mark :

66 Pompeii and Herculaneum were ——— cities.

- (a) Ancient Indian.
- (b) Ancient Italian.
- (c) France.
- (d) Ancient Greece.

67 Other than fire, what was a major cause for destruction ?

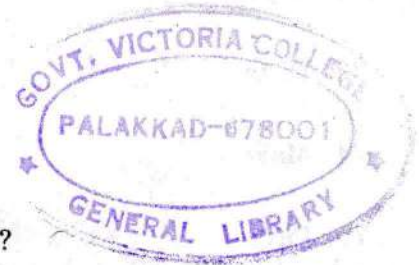
- (a) Wind.
- (b) Poisonous sulphuric gasses.
- (c) Molten Lava.
- (d) Stone and ash.

68 The poisonous gasses were not able to ——— in the air.

- (a) Evaporate.
- (b) Float.
- (c) Be Visible.
- (d) Get mixed.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

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V. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences. Each question carries 2 marks :

69 What happened to the cities Herculaneum and Pompeii after the volcano eruption occurred ?

70 How was the area's geography affected after the eruption ?

(2 × 2 = 4 marks)

Part V (Vocabulary)

I. Match the words in column A with the words in column B. Each question carries 1 mark :

A.

B

71 Good

(a) Relative.

72 Crystal

(b) Room.

73 Distant

(c) Clear.

74 Make

(d) Attention.

75 Pay

(e) Enough.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from those given below to fill in the blanks. You have to use them in the correct tense form. Each question carries 1 mark :

Wind up, hang out, look after, figure out, turn up.

76 Sahil ——— very late for the meeting everyday.

77 We are trying to ——— the best method to solve the problem.

78 We ——— at the mall during weekends.

79 It is our responsibility to ——— those poor children.

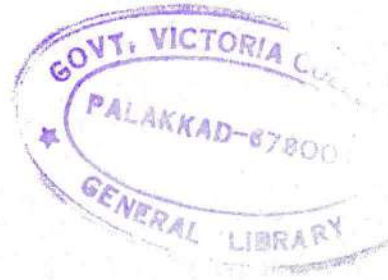
80 I shall ——— the session in five minutes.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

III. Choose the correct meanings of the idiomatic expressions used in the following sentences. Each question carries 1 mark :

81 He was doing the work at a snail's pace.

- (a) Very Fast.
- (b) Very Slowly.
- (c) With a lot of stress.
- (d) Without concentrating.



82 A powerful tornado wreaked havoc on the small village :

- (a) Blessings.
- (b) Without any interest.
- (c) To cause great damage.
- (d) None of the above.

83 Are you seriously going to lock horns with the boss over such a trivial matter ?

- (a) Greet.
- (b) Friendly talk.
- (c) Engage in conflict.
- (d) Playful approach.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

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IV. Choose one phrasal verb and one idiom each to make your own sentences. Each question carries 1 mark :

84 Barking up the wrong tree /pour your heart out to somebody.

85 Chip in/beef up.

(2 × 1 = 2 marks)

