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ENGLISH GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION (I)

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Subject: English Grammar & Composition (1)	Subject Code: CD112
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Raw Score: 100 Marks	Weighting: 40%
Venue: DH	
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THIS EXAM. PAPER IS MADE UP OF SIX PARTS:

PART	TYPE OF EXAM. ITEM	TOTAL MARKS AWARDED
A	Multiple Choice Questions (PUNCTUATION)	20
B	True and False Questions (FORMAL & INFORMAL ENGLISH USAGE)	10
C	Choice Completion Questions (SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT)	20
D	Choice Completion Questions (PRONOUN CASE ERRORS)	20
E	Correcting Shifts in English Usage Questions (ERRORS IN POINT-OF-VIEW)	20
F	Write-in Answer Questions (DANGLING & MISPLACED MODIFIERS)	10
Total Marks 		100

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

1. This is your final examination for the subject for Semester 1.
2. You have **5 minutes** reading time, and **3 hours** to complete the examination paper.
3. Read each question carefully before you answer it.
4. Make an attempt to answer every question.
5. Write **all** your answers on **this same Exam. Question paper**.
6. If you are in doubt, raise your hand for clarification.
7. **DO NOT START UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.**

PART A: Multiple-Choice Questions – PUNCTUATION (20 MARKS)

Instruction: For each multiple-choice question below, circle the letter that represents the correct answer.

1. Which sentence has the correct ending punctuation mark?
 - A) Tom went to the store to buy bread?
 - B) Tom went to the store to buy bread!
 - C) Tom went to the store to buy bread...
 - D) Tom went to the store to buy bread.

2. Which of these sentences has the comma in the right place?
 - A) Please get me, some eggs milk and some butter.
 - B) Please get me some eggs, milk and some butter.
 - C) Please get me some eggs milk, and some butter.
 - D) Please get me some eggs milk and, some butter.

3. Which of these sentences has the comma in the right place?
 - A) Get the nails the hammer and, the pliers before you start.
 - B) Get, the nails the hammer and the pliers before you start.
 - C) Get the nails, the hammer and the pliers before you start.
 - D) Get the nails the hammer, and the pliers before you start.

4. Which of these sentences has the comma in the right place?
 - A) My kids are called Harry, Joe and Sam.
 - B) My kids are called, Harry Joe and Sam.
 - C) My kids are called Harry Joe, and Sam.
 - D) My kids are called Harry Joe and, Sam.

5. Which of these sentences has the comma in the right place?
 - A) My car washing machine and, TV all broke down today.
 - B) My car, washing machine and TV all broke down today.
 - C) My car washing, machine and TV all broke down today.
 - D) My car washing machine, and TV all broke down today.

6. Which of these sentences has the comma in the right place?
 - A) Lunch is lamb with peas beans and, new potatoes.
 - B) Lunch is lamb with peas beans and new, potatoes.
 - C) Lunch is lamb with peas beans, and new potatoes.
 - D) Lunch is lamb with peas, beans and new potatoes.

7. Which of these sentences has BOTH commas in the right places?

- A) I play sport football, or cricket, every Sunday.
- B) I play sport, football or cricket, every Sunday.
- C) I play, sport football or cricket, every Sunday.
- D) I play sport football or cricket, every Sunday.

8. Which of these sentences has BOTH commas in the right places?

- A) The school which, had only just opened, burnt down.
- B) The school which, had only just opened burnt, down.
- C) The school, which, had only just opened, burnt down.
- D) The school, which had only just, opened burnt down.

9. Which of these sentences has BOTH commas in the right places?

- A) Secretaries, or, other workers can often get free eye tests.
- B) Secretaries, or other workers can often, get free eye tests.
- C) Secretaries or, other workers can often, get free eye tests.
- D) Secretaries, or other workers, can often get free eye tests.

10. Which of these sentences has BOTH commas in the right places?

- A) Hani, who is my elder sister, is 62 this year.
- B) Hani, who is, my elder sister is 62 this year.
- C) Hani who is, my elder sister, is 62 this year.
- D) Hani who is my elder sister, is 62, this year.

11. Which of these sentences has BOTH commas in the right places?

- A) The window frames, which are all, different colors need painting.
- B) The window frames which are all, different colors, need painting.
- C) The window frames, which are all different colors, need painting.
- D) The window frames which are, all different colors, need painting.

12. Choose the best correctly punctuated sentence.

- (A) This is what I ate for breakfast an apple and a bowl of cereal.
- (B) This is what I ate for breakfast; an apple and a bowl of cereal.
- (C) This is what I ate for breakfast: an apple and a bowl of cereal.
- (D) This is what I ate for breakfast, an apple and a bowl of cereal.

13. Choose the best answer.

- (A) He knocked several times, no one came to the door.
- (B) He knocked several times; no one came to the door.
- (C) He knocked several times: no one came to the door.
- (D) He knocked several times no one came to the door.

14. Choose the best correctly punctuated sentence.

- (A) The window was open I looked out over the empty fields.
- (B) The window was open, I looked out over the empty fields.
- (C) The window was open: I looked out over the empty fields.
- (D) The window was open; I looked out over the empty fields.

15. Choose the best correctly punctuated sentence.

- (A) The loudspeaker crackled: "The 5:30 p.m. flight to New York is now boarding."
- (B) The loudspeaker crackled "The 5:30 p.m. flight to New York is now boarding."
- (C) The loudspeaker crackled, "The 5,30 p.m. flight to New York is now boarding."
- (D) The loudspeaker crackled; "The 5:30 p.m. flight to New York is now boarding."

16. Choose the best answer.

- (A) Mankind has only one thing left: hope.
- (B) Mankind has only one thing left; hope.
- (C) Mankind has only one thing left, hope.
- (D) Mankind has only one thing left... hope.

17. Choose the best correctly punctuated sentence.

- (A) Swinging the door open quietly the two police officers surprised a young burglar as he worked to disconnect the cable wire from the television set.
- (B) Swinging the door open quietly, the two police officers surprised a young burglar as he worked; to disconnect the cable wire from the television set.
- (C) Swinging the door open quietly; the two police officers surprised a young burglar as he worked to disconnect the cable wire from the television set.
- (D) Swinging the door open quietly, the two police officers surprised a young burglar as he worked to disconnect the cable wire from the television set.

18. Choose the best correctly punctuated sentence.

- (A) If you don't understand, please save your questions for the end of the presentation.
- (B) Please save your questions for the end of the presentation. If you don't understand.
- (C) Please save your questions for the end of the presentation; if you don't understand.
- (D) If you don't understand; please save your questions for the end of the presentation.

19. Choose the correct answer.

- (A) Kiran had a bad cold, consequently, she won't be able to play in the game tonight.
- (B) Kiran had a bad cold consequently she won't be able to play in the game tonight.
- (C) Kiran had a bad cold; consequently, she won't be able to play in the game tonight.
- (D) Kiran had a bad cold and consequently, she won't be able to play in the game tonight.

20. Choose the correct answer.

- (A) Jack's best sport is basketball; his brother excels at football.
- (B) Jack's best sport is basketball and his brother excels at football.
- (C) Jack's best sport is basketball his brother excels at football.
- (D) Jack's best sport is basketball, his brother excels at football.

PART B: True and False Questions – FORMAL/INFORMAL ENGLISH USAGE (10 MARKS)

Instruction: Underline **True** if the statement is True or **False**, if it is False.

1. This sentence is correct: Jupiter's moons are very small (True or False).
2. This sentence is correct: The sun's hot today (True or False).
3. *Phone* is an informal way of writing telephone (True or False).
4. *I'd have killed that* is an informal way of writing *I could have killed that* (True or False).
5. This sentence is correct: The books' spines were split (True or False).
6. This sentence is correct: You're tea is getting cold (True or False).
7. *We've* is an informal way of saying *we have* (True or False).
8. This sentence is correct: I got married in '69 in my sister's dress (True or False).
9. *Won't* is an informal way of writing *would not* (True or False).
10. *You could've* is an informal way of writing *you could have* (True or False).

PART C: Choice-Completion Questions – SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT (20 MARKS)

Instruction: Complete each statement below by choosing the correct verb to show subject-verb agreement.

1. Most of my teeth (are/is) _____ clean.
2. A lot of the money I had (is/are) _____ gone.
3. Mathematics (were/was) _____ my favorite subject when I was in high school.
4. Peanut butter and Jam (are/is) _____ my favorite sandwich.
5. Sago and bandicoot (look/looks) delicious.
6. Chris, in addition to his brother Zack, (play/plays) _____ hockey on Saturdays.

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7. The box of toys (are/is) _____ in the boy's bedroom.
8. The bananas, but not the apple, (was/were) _____ in the fruit salad.
9. Ten news (are/is) _____ not informative enough to make a firm decision.
10. Some of the sugar (are/is) _____ in the kitchen.
11. The famous singer and composer (has/have) _____ arrived.
12. The book of stories (cost/costs) _____ K10.
13. Neither parent (is/are) _____ fond of playing poky.
14. None of my friends (were/was) _____ there.
15. Gold, as well as platinum, (has/have) _____ recently risen in price.
16. One of the books (has/have) _____ been missing.
17. Neither the boys nor Mary (eat/eats) _____ meat.
18. Make sure that either your sister or your brothers (go/goes) _____.
19. No matter how dreadful the weather, a cluster of onlookers (watch/watches) _____ the surfers.
20. Either they or he (are/is) _____ to drive.

PART D: Choice-Completion Questions – AVOIDING PRONOUN CASE ERRORS (20 MARKS)

Instruction: Underline the correct form of the Pronoun in each of the following sentences.

1. Millie and George insisted that Bob visit (them/they) _____ over the vacation.
2. Every Thursday night, Eric, Alex, and (me/I) _____ get together to see a movie.
3. When Margaret got back from the business meeting, she excitedly told me (whom/who) _____ she had sat next to: the company's CEO.
4. After the party, Maria, (who/whom) _____ the party was thrown for, walked home alone, savoring the memories of the friends she would be leaving when she moved for her new job next week.
5. The newspaper was delivered every morning to (him and I/ me and him) _____.
6. (Me and you/You and I) _____ have never seen eye to eye on any issue.
7. I know that Trudy is generally a kind girl, but (I and her/ she and I) _____ have never enjoyed spending time together.
8. (They and we/ Us and them) _____ are going to join together for the greater good.

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9. (Me and you/ You and I) _____ have to go to the store.
10. (She and him/She and I) _____ have been bitter enemies in Little League.
11. This problem is one that has to be dealt with by both (you and I/ you and me) _____.
12. Running a marathon was a task that was unimaginable for both (she and him/ him and her) _____.
13. (He and I/ Him and me) _____ will always be on time for any event the group holds.
14. The strongest supporter of the cause has been (I/me) _____.
15. (Me and the major/ Major and I) _____ were always at odds with each other on various policy ideas.
16. The gesture was meant as a token of goodwill between (him and me/ he and I) _____.
17. (Me and the girls/ The girls and I) _____ were completely taken by surprise when the package came.
18. (Them and I/ They and I) _____ were going to go to the lake together on Saturday.
19. The document was immediately given upon its completion to (him and I / him and me) _____.
20. The race proved much more difficult than expected for both (him and me/ he and me) _____.

PART E: Correcting Shifts Questions – ERRORS IN POINT-OF-VIEW (20 MARKS)

Instructions:

- (i) In the following sentences correct all shifts in (A) person, (B) tense, (C) mood, (D) discourse, (E) voice, or (F) key word.
- (ii) Identify the shift by placing the appropriate letter in the blank at the right for each sentence.
- (iii) Also, rewrite each sentence to correct the shift (s) you identify.
- (iv) A half-mark (½) will be awarded for both correct ID of type of shift and the rewrite for the correction, giving each sentence a mark.

1. When one must miss class, you should find out what material was covered _____.
2. Since she knew the course would be difficult, a tutor was arranged by her _____.
3. Everywhere you look, I see preparations for the holiday season _____.
4. My friend asked me to come for dinner and also wants me to bring my video tape _____.

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5. Everyone was asked to bring his or her favorite dish to the pot luck dinner _____.
6. I was driving last night when I see an animal dash out in front of my car _____.
7. When students apply to colleges, it is important that he or she investigate each school thoroughly _____.
8. Go to the store after work, and then you should come straight home _____.
9. They arrived at the address, but the owners were not found _____.
10. Everyone who was at the party seemed to enjoy themselves _____.
11. If one arrives late, you will miss the best part of the performance _____.
12. As soon as the meeting began, the manager was paged by the secretary _____.
13. Most students pass that professor's class, but a few always failed the course _____.
14. Begin your assignment well in advance, and you should always proofread your paper carefully _____.
15. Jane and Serah each made their own dress _____.
16. After we developed the photographs, they were posted on the internet by us _____.
17. The skater glided across the ice, and was applauded by the crowd _____.
18. The cat devoured the entire can of tuna, and then looks up in triumph _____.
19. After we completed the training, the instructor gives us certificates _____.
20. When the big moment arrived, he is more nervous than he expected _____.

PART F: Write-in Answer Questions – DANGLING & MISPLACED MODIFIERS (10 MARKS)

Section ONE

Instruction: Underline the correct alternative (from the three placed in the parenthesis) to describe the *Dangling* or *Misplaced* modifiers in each of the following sentences.

1. Walking down the hallway, all the lockers were open (Misplaced modifier/Dangling modifier/Correct).
2. Two cars were reported stolen by the police this week (Misplaced modifier/Dangling modifier/Correct).
3. The teacher passed out the test to the students he had just created (Misplaced modifier/Dangling modifier/Correct).

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4. The girls noticed all the lockers were open as they were walking down the hallway (Misplaced modifier/Dangling modifier/Correct).
5. In spike heels and a ruffled dress, the football captain was dazzled by the homecoming queen (Misplaced modifier/Dangling modifier/Correct).

Section TWO

Instructions:

- (i) Each of the following sentences includes a modifying phrase that is confusing because the statement is either erroneously constructed or because the phrase is incorrectly located in the sentence.
- (ii) You now have to recast the sentence so that the phrase properly modifies the part of the sentence it refers to.

1. **Original:** We only drove as far as the state line the first day.

Correct Version:

2. **Original:** Limping along the sidewalk, I felt sorry for the stray dog.

Correct Version:

3. **Original:** They gave prizes to the top contestants in gift-wrapped boxes.

Correct Version:

4. **Original:** Waiting for the rainstorm to pass through, the day passed slowly.

Correct Version:

5. **Original:** To complete the transaction, the check-box for the terms of service must be checked.

Correct Version:

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