

Ph.D. Programme in General English (Common for all)

Model Question Paper

Time : 1 Hour

Max. Marks : 50

More than one entry, unclear entries or wrong entries in Multiple Choice questions will **ATTRACT NEGATIVE MARKS**. (For Multiple Choice question with 5 options, $\frac{1}{4}$ th mark will be deducted for an incorrect answer.)

I Answer the following questions following the instructions given: [30 x 1 = 30 Marks]

Choose the right alternative:

1. *Potable* is most similar in meaning to: ()
A. Bland B. Unsavory C. Drinkable D. Fertile E. Distilled
2. *Undermine* is most similar in meaning to ()
A. Impose B. Apprehend C. Glorify D. Weaken E. Tunnel
3. *Untoward* is most nearly opposite in meaning to ()
A. Proactive B. Abstemious C. Expected D. Egregious E. Tortuous
- 4.
- 5.

Use the following Connectors/ Linkers to fill in the blanks:

[throughout, supposing, owing to, provided, with a view to, unless]

6. We sent out a questionnaire, _____ finding out what people really wanted.
7. We shouldn't begin the experiment _____ we know the procedure.
8. _____ the five years of my research, I never once went home.
- 9.
- 10.

Provide the correct tense of the verbs given in brackets.

11. Don't forget to take your umbrella. It _____ (rain).
12. I'm sorry I can't hear what you_____ (say) because everybody is talking so loudly.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.

Match the meanings with the words:

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|------------------|------------|----|-------------------------|
| 16. breakthrough | () | a. | prospect |
| 17. outlook | () | b. | yield |
| 18. turnover | () | c. | see the external issues |
| | | d. | important discovery |

Choose one of the words from the brackets, and use the right form of the word to complete the sentences.

[support, introduce, divert]

19. The shop has a very good _____ offer on the new brand of phones.
20. Grandpa's arrival created a _____ and I managed to leave without being noticed.
- 21.

Construct sentences containing the following expressions:

22. abstain from

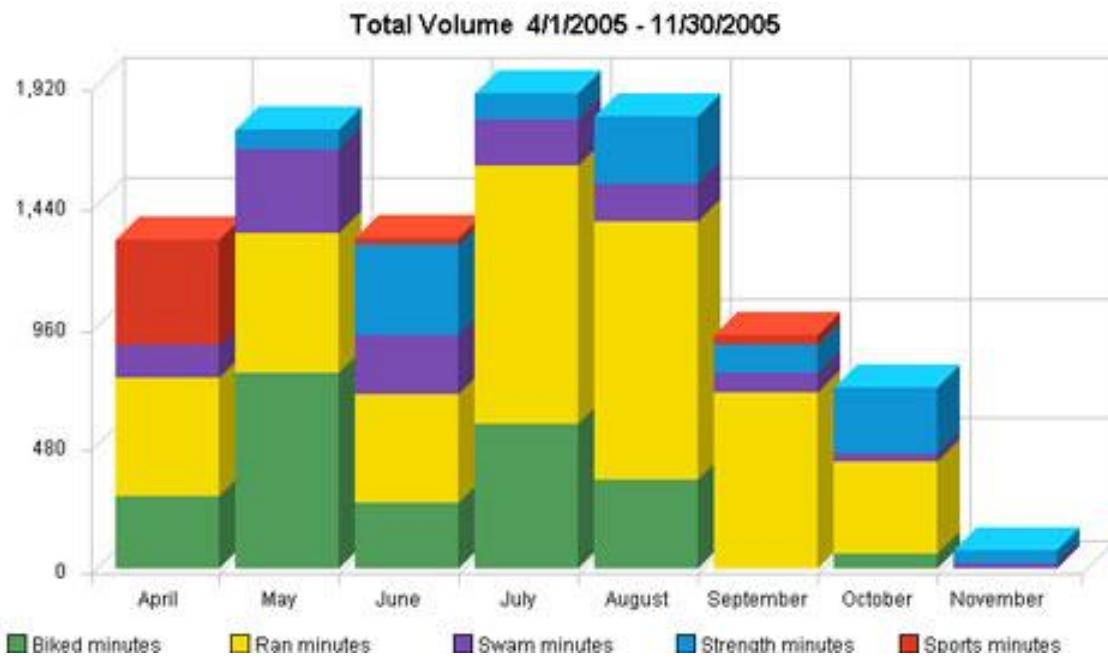
23. hindrance to

Read the passage below and choose the right answers from the multiple choices given below:

Edward Murphy was a member of an Air Force team that performed complicated experiments during the (24) 1940s his work required much preparation and perfect execution. Murphy has become renowned for (25) “Murphys’ Law,” which states that “if anything can go (26) wrong it will.” This (27) somewhat funny observation has spawned a plethora of (28) corrollaries, such as Hofstadter’s Law: “It always takes longer than you expect, even when you take Hofstadter’s Law into account.” (29) These smart comments on the perceived perversity of daily life have been published in several books. Some of the volumes are general in (30) scope; some pertain to technical careers in aerospace or professional areas such as medicine or law.

24. A. 1940’s, his B. 1940s. His C. 1940s! His ()
D. 1940’s – his E. correct as it is
25. A. “Murphy’s Law,” B. Murphy’s Law,” C. “Murphy’s Law”, ()
D. “Murphys Law,” E. correct as it is
26. A. wrong, it will”. B. wrong it, will.” C. wrong, it will.” ()
D. wrong it will,” E. correct as it is
- 27.
- 28.
- 29.
- 30.

II Rewrite the following visual into a text of about 150 words. 10 Marks



- IV** Write a paragraph of about 150 words on your reasons for pursuing research, and India's need for original research contributions.

10 Marks