

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME
General English

Model Question Paper

Time : 1½ Hrs

Max. Marks : 75

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

SECTION : I

I. A Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions, choosing the right alternative: (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

It is not luck but labour that makes men. Luck, says an American writer, is ever waiting for something to turn up: labour with keen eye and strong will always turns up something. Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman would bring him news of a legacy; labour turns out at six and with busy pen and ringing hammer lays the foundation of a competence. Luck whines; labour watches. Luck relies on chance; labour on character. Luck slips downwards to self-indulgence; labour strides upwards and aspires to independence. The conviction, therefore, is extending that diligence is the mother of good luck: in other words, that a man's success in life will be proportionate to his efforts, to his industry, to his attention to small things.

- 1) A man's fortune or prosperity is the result of - ()
A) a strong will
B) favour of luck
C) hard work
D) a keen eye

- 2) The difference between luck and labour is that - ()
A) the former relies on chance, and the latter on effort and capability
B) the former depends on competence, and the latter on self-indulgence
C) the former believes that something will turn up, and the latter that nothing will
D) the former strives for freedom, and the latter for leisure

- 3) The line "lies in bed and wishes the postman would bring him news of a legacy" implies that _____ ()
A) certain people think that if they lie in bed for long, the postman will bring them a letter
B) there are people who think that they need not keep awake for the postman
C) some people think that prosperity will come suddenly, without any effort if one is lucky
D) there are people who spend their whole life in wishful thinking

- 4) In the passage “diligence is the mother of good luck” means that– ()
- A) diligence and good luck are the ‘parents’ of success
 B) diligence is the ‘child,’ and good luck is the mother
 C) diligence and good luck are the children of success
 D) diligence is the mother, and good luck is the ‘child’
- 5) The above passage is - ()
 A) descriptive B) satirical C) ironical D) analytical

I. B. Read the given extract, and answer the questions, choosing the right alternative: (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

Earth has not anything to show more fair:
 Dull would he be of soul who could pass by
 A sight so touching in its majesty:
 This City now doth like a garment wear

The beauty of the morning: silent, bare,
 Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie
 Open unto the fields, and to the sky,
 All bright and glittering in the smokeless air.

(from Wordsworth’s ‘A City’)

- 6) The extract is ()
 A) Philosophical B) Narrative
 C) Reflective D) Argumentative
- 7) The poet/speaker considers that person ‘dull’ who - ()
 A) has no soul to show B) passes by beauty without being touched
 C) is silent and boring D) is not as fair as the earth
- 8) The ‘garment’ worn by the City is _____ ()
 A) fair Earth B) ships and towers
 C) beautiful morning D) theatres and temples
- 9) “smokeless air” in the extract implies _____ ()
 A) clean air of the early morning
 B) no fireplaces in the houses
 C) the absence of fog in the City
 D) the sky and the open fields
- 10) The poem expresses - ()
 A) regret B) appreciation C) sadness D) anger

SECTION : II

II. Match the words in A with their meanings in B, writing the correct alphabet in the brackets provided. Column B has some extra items.
(10 x 1 = 10 marks)

<u>A</u>		<u>B</u>
1) doubt	()	A) room
2) aim	()	B) oppose
3) part	()	C) fortitude
4) space	()	D) change
5) revenge	()	E) tiredness
6) counter	()	F) portion
7) courage	()	G) purpose
8) envy	()	H) temperament
9) fatigue	()	I) suspicion
10) disposition	()	J) order
		K) jealousy
		L) vengeance

III. Given below are 5 head pairs. The two words in each pair are related in a certain way. Choose, from the four alternatives given under each head pair, a pair that has the same relation as the head pair.

(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

11) Cow: Calf ()

- A) Tree : Branch
- B) Woman : Baby
- C) Hair : Band
- D) Sun : Moon

12) Wind: Blow ()

- A) Cloth : Coat
- B) State : Government
- C) Road : Journey
- D) Stream : Flow

13) Painter: Brush ()

- A) Soldier: Sword
- B) Petrol : Car
- C) Doctor : Patient
- D) Scientist : Experiment

14) Donkey: Bray ()

- A) Writer : Book
- B) Bird : Chirp
- C) Bell : Ring
- D) Cat : Trap

15) Hunger: Food ()

- A) Anxiety : Peace
- B) Wall : Fort
- C) Sleep : Rest
- D) Thirst : Water

SECTION: III

IV. Each sentence given below has segments marked as A, B, C. Identify the segment that is incorrect. If the whole sentence is correct, choose D. Indicate your answer in the brackets. (10 x 1= 10 marks)

1) Neither Smith nor Martin are responsible. No Error ()
A B C D

2) My scissors are not very sharp. No Error ()
A B C D

3) The Japanese they eat a lot of rice. No Error ()
A B C D

4) The five students were conversing with one another. No Error ()
A B C D

5) We heard a sound somewheres in the distant woods. No Error ()
A B C D

6) We chose John and she for the committee. No Error ()
A B C D

7) Mr. Bennet objected to Mary singing. No Error ()
A B C D

- 8) We had a really good time. No Error ()
 A B C D
- 9) This highway is different than that highway. No Error ()
 A B C D
- 10) Who's book is this? No Error ()
 A B C D

V. **Fill in the blanks with the correct tenses of the verbs given in brackets:**
(10x 1 = 10 marks)

Broadcasting is a device by means of which a speech(11) _____ (deliver) or a song(12) _____ (sing) is(13) _____ (transmit) to long distances where it can (14) _____ (be, listen) to by all who have a radio set(15) _____ (tune) to the wavelength of the sending machine. By the use of what(16) _____ (is, know) as 'loud speakers,' the speech or the song can (17) _____ (be, make) audible to a large gathering. In the olden days, the King(18) _____ (make) a speech at the opening of an exhibition and the speech(19) _____ (will, be) audible only to those seated in front of him. But, now, by the use of radio transmitters, it is possible for people(20) _____ (seat) in the distance to listen to it.

VI. **Select the correct preposition, and write its alphabet in the bracket provided.**
(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

- 21) I shall be there _____ ten o'clock. ()
 a) in b) from c) at d) with
- 22) He blamed Ramesh _____ the accident. ()
 a) in b) from c) since d) for
- 23) Mr. John differs _____ Mr. Thomas on that point.

- a) with b) by c) of d) from ()
- 24) He accused the man _____ stealing. ()
- a) during b) for c) of d) with
- 25) I am accustomed _____ hot weather. ()
- a) to b) into c) with d) on

VII. Render the following into reported speech. (5 Marks)

26)
The teacher became angry with the student, and said, “Why have you disturbed the class in this way? I have told you before that when I am speaking, you should be silent. Now, leave the room, and do not return today.”

VIII. Give the meaning of the following idioms: (5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

- 27) To die down _____
- 28) To stand out _____
- 29) To fall through _____
- 30) To look out for _____
- 31) To think over _____

IX. Write the adjectival form of the following nouns: (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

- 32) Province _____
- 33) Symbol _____
- 34) Meaning _____
- 35) Inspiration _____
- 36) Culture _____

**X. Expand the idea contained in ONE of the given proverbs in about 200 words.
(10 marks)**

- a) Time heals all wounds
- b) All that glitters is not gold
- c) Much ado about nothing
- d) Example is better than precept
- e) Where there is a will, there is a way

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