

(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED

24PEL104

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 ONLY)

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N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) : POLLACHI

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M.A ENGLISH LITERATURE

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER-I

TIME : 3 HOURS

- 24PEL104 – MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

SECTION – A

(10X1=10)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Which of the following best describes the form of an infinitive?

- a) It is a noun that describes an action
- b) It is the base form of a verb, often preceded by 'to'
- c) It is always in the past tense
- d) It is a verb form ending in –ing

2. The students were _____ about the upcoming trip.

- a) excitedly b) excited c) more excited d) most excited

3. Which part of the sentence is incorrect

She told / me they'd / lived in Chennai / since five years.

- a) She told b) me they'd c) lived in Chennai d) since five years

4. Find the suitable suffix

Some of the shanty town are dreadfully _____ (crowd)

- a) crowdy b) crowded c) crowdful d) crowding

5. Which of the following is not the correct tone for a letter to the editor?

- a) Serious b) frustrated c) formal d) none of the above

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES

6. What are the primary auxiliary verbs?

7. Name any two exclamatory expressions.

8. Define collocation.

9. What is the importance of question tag?

10. Write any two Subordinating conjunctions.

(CONT.....2)

SECTION – B**(5X5=25)**

11.a) Fill in the blanks using the correct form of verbs.

- i. Hardly had the minister finished his speech when the earthquake _____ (shake) the stadium.
- ii. Everybody will be in the office at about 08:30 tomorrow as the meeting _____(start) at nine o'clock.
- iii. When I _____(come) home this evening, my parents had gone out for walk.
- iv. The chairman was sure that his plan would work out fine as no other member _____(oppose) it up to that time.
- v. That candidate whom we had interviewed before we _____(speak) to all the others, is still my favorite.

(OR)b) Fill with correct **tense** form:

- i. I ___ (go) to college regularly.
- ii. They _____ (drink) coffee now.
- iii. Ravi _____ (come) yesterday.
- iv. Arul _____ (prepare) for examinations since 2018.
- v. Jessie is not in. She _____ (attend) a seminar in Kansas City.

12. a) Fill in the blanks with **correct prepositions**:

- i. She learned Russian ____ the age of 45.
- ii. The book was written _____ Mark Twain.
- iii. You'll have to wait. He'll be with you _____ a minute.
- iv. I'll show the picture ____ the palace.
- v. We can only get to the camp _____ foot.

(OR)

b) Explain Demonstrative and Possessive Determiners with suitable examples.

13. a) Write the **question tag** for the following:

- i. I'm right...
- ii. Don't forget...
- iii. Let's go for a walk...
- iv. You never say what you are doing...
- v. There is little we can do about it...

(OR)b) Transform the following sentences into **Negative form**:

- i. As soon as the teacher arrived, the noise ceased.
- ii. Only the brave deserves the fair.
- iii. He is too weak to walk.
- iv. Everyone distrusts a liar.
- v. Man is mortal.

(CONT...3)

14. a) Rewrite the following sentence into a **cleft sentence**:

- i. A soul is given only to the individual.
- ii. I want Leonardo DiCaprio to win an Oscar Award this year.
- iii. We need to save water now.
- iv. You clearly need a new distributor cap.
- v. I wanted to eat pizza and fall asleep on the couch.

(OR)

b) Correct the **spoken grammar** of the following:

- i. He didn't do nothing wrong.
- ii. To whom are you speaking?
- iii. I have finished my work, therefore I'm leaving.
- iv. It is she who is at the door.
- v. Whom did you call?

15. a) Write sentences on your own for the following **Idioms**:

- i. Back against the wall
- ii. Up in the arms
- iii. When pigs fly
- iv. Once in a blue moon
- v. The best of both worlds

(OR)

b) Correct the following sentences to make it more polite:

- i. Move your car.
- ii. You didn't send me the document.
- iii. You're wrong.
- iv. What do you want?
- v. Do your work quietly.

SECTION – C (5X8=40)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

16 a) Explain in detail Pronoun and its types with suitable examples.(OR)

b) State the functions and forms of verbs with appropriate examples.

17 a) Fill in the blanks with correct **conjunctions**:

- i. Raju will play today _____ he gets a chance.
- ii. Samuel was eating food _____ the postman arrived.
- iii. We don't know _____ Suma failed in the examination.
- iv. I can't believe you _____ you speak the truth.
- v. Veda is _____ kind _____ humble.
- vi. She is _____ intelligent _____ hard working.
- vii. I fell asleep _____ I was watching TV.
- viii. Liola is _____ tall _____ Sweetie.

(OR)

(CONT...4)

b) Compare, contrast and illustrate Adjectives and Adverbs.

18 a) Write eight double negative sentences on your own and underline nouns in those sentences.

(or)

b) Rewrite the following sentences to **reported speech**:

- i. Manoj said, "I am reading a mystery novel."
- ii. I asked a shopkeeper, "Could you help me find this address?"
- iii. I said to my teacher, "I am sorry for this mistake."
- iv. Ram said, "It rained heavily last night".
- v. She said to me, "Let's go shopping."
- vi. "It's a beautiful day!", said John.
- vii. He said, "I will be there at 10am."
- viii. He said, "I've been studying a lot.

19 a) Evaluate the impact of using imperative sentences in persuasive writing. How do they contribute in convincing the audience?

(OR)

b) Indicate if the ellipses in the following sentences are used correctly or incorrectly:

- i. "The hens in the barn . . . laid eggs."
- ii. "Well, look who walked in . . . Katie Douglassss," sneered Carol.
- iii. "The painting by her was [. . .] inspiring."
- iv. And they lived happily ever after . . . until she died suddenly.
- v. The boy told the school nurse, "I am ... feeling ill. Please ... call my mom."
- vi. "Ever since Michael left, these hilly, pine-stippled parklands...have been a favorite...lounging venue for plebeians and bluebloods alike."
- vii. "The Moors introduced almonds to Portugal . . ." (100).
- viii. Jerry answered the phone saying, "Hello... What Delay Industries?"

20 a) Write a report on the Cultural event organized in your college recently.

(OR)

b) Prepare your resumé along with a cover letter for the post of Guest Lecturer in a reputed institution.
