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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (20 × 1 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

I. Choose the correct answer :

1. There is no 'natural' connection between a linguistic form and its meaning. This aspect of relationship is known as \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Arbitrariness (b) Productivity (c) Duality
2. \_\_\_\_\_ describes how a language is passed on from one generation to the next.  
(a) Natural Transmission (b) Cultural Transmission (c) Phatic Communion.
3. Pictographic writing uses \_\_\_\_\_ to represent the content of a message.  
(a) images (b) cues (c) pictures
4. Alphabetic writing system combines a limited list of characters to represent \_\_\_\_\_ language.  
(a) spoken (b) written (c) mimetic

5. In nominal case \_\_\_\_\_ is doing something.  
(a) the verb (b) the noun (c) the adjective
6. Choose the correct word to fill up the blank.  
I opened the door for \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) she (b) they (c) her
7. Fill in the blank with the appropriate form of 'be'  
Ten minus four \_\_\_\_\_ six.  
(a) is (b) are (c) were
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is used to indicate that the act of passing or being carried across.  
(a) intransitive verb (b) transitive verb (c) linking verb
9. Complete the following sentence using the third form of the verb. The pyramids \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of years ago.  
(a) are built (b) were built (c) has built
10. Choose the correct usage.  
(a) the thief absconds  
(b) the thief is absconding  
(c) the thief has absconded

11. The definite article 'The' generally \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) identifies (b) isolates (c) explains
12. The Indefinite Article is used before a \_\_\_\_\_  
countable noun.  
(a) plural (b) singular (c) no
13. A conjunction is a word that joins or connects  
single words of the \_\_\_\_\_ kind.  
(a) same (b) different (c) multiple
14. Use the correct conjunction to fill up the blank.  
Look \_\_\_\_\_ you leap.  
(a) after (b) at (c) before
15. Identify the underlined part of the sentence  
As he was not there, I spoke to his brother.  
(a) subordinating clause (b) co-ordinating clause  
(c) main clause.
16. Linkers are \_\_\_\_\_ or phrases that connect  
ideas.  
(a) words (b) clauses (c) punctuation marks.

17. The correct passive form of the following :  
I know her.  
(a) she was known to me (b) she is known to me  
(c) she knows me
18. \_\_\_\_\_ is the complex sentence of the simple sentence, 'Can you tell me the time of his arrival?'  
(a) Can you tell me when he will arrive?  
(b) can you tell me will he arrive  
(c) you can tell me when he will arrive
19. begin+ing becomes \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) beginning (b) begining (c) bigginng
20. Pay+ed becomes \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) payed (b) paed (c) paid

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

- II. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 100 words.
21. What are the uses of language?

22. Make a distinction between regular and irregular verbs using illustrative examples.
23. When are definite and indefinite articles used?
24. Analyse the structure of nominal phrase.
25. What are adverbs and adverbials? Give suitable examples.
26. How are Auxiliaries and Modals used to make tenses and passive forms?
27. How does the spelling change:
  - (a) When one syllable word ending in single vowel + single consonant.
  - (b) When the word to which the suffix 'full' is added ends in 'll' Supply suitable examples.

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

III. Answer the following : (1 × 10 = 10)

28. Bring out the properties of language.

Or

29. Trace the origin of language with reference to Divine source, natural sound source and oral gesture.

30. (a) Rewrite the sentences in the right order.  
(5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) recognized voice I at once your
- (ii) of our days youth the are glory days the  
of our
- (iii) everywhere flames the spread
- (iv) enemies makes time the worst friends
- (v) a diamond she wore necklace.

(b) Rewrite the paragraph by writing the sentence in correct order. (5 × 1 = 5)

- (i) I soon got up.
- (ii) When I woke it was dark that I thought  
it was still the night.
- (iii) Nobody had expected it to be a wet day.
- (iv) It was the first of May.
- (v) Meanwhile I heard the clock strike seven.

31. Rewrite as directed. (5 × 2 = 10)

- (a) (i) The gateman opened the gate.  
(change the voice)
- (ii) The boy said, "I will go with you".  
(Transform into reported speech)

- (b) (i) Night came on. The room grew dark.  
(Transform the sentences into compound sentence)
- (ii) I have some duties. I must perform them.  
(Transform the sentences into simple sentence)
- (c) (i) Fire and water does not agree.  
(correct the error.)
- (ii) It is bitter cold  
(correct the error)
- (iii) The noise from downstairs prevented me with sleeping.  
(correct the error)
- (iv) Time change all things  
(correct the error)
- (d) (i) He ran away because he \_\_\_\_\_  
afraid (be)
- (ii) I see a lot of things in my life.  
(Rewrite the sentence using present perfect tense form)

- (e) (i) A reader likes to choose his books by themselves.

(Rewrite the sentence by changing the proper pronoun)

- (ii) The little boy was crying because he had lost \_\_\_\_\_ mother.

(Complete the sentence using the proper pronoun.)

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