



ENGLISH FOR SKILL ENHANCEMENT
I MID QUESTION BANK (2.5 Units)

UNIT I: TOASTED ENGLISH

Short Answer Questions

1. Make three words each by using the following prefixes:

- a. mega (large)
- b. uni (one)
- c. post-(after)
- d. multi- (many)
- e. hyper (extreme)
- f. inter (between)
- g. auto (self)
- h. extra (beyond)
- i. mis (incorrect)
- j. mal (bad)

2. Make three words each by using the suffixes

- a. - ship (condition of, quality)
- b. - ance, -ence (state, quality, process)
- c. -ous (having, full of)
- d. -ee (one who receives an action)
- e. - ant (one who does an action)
- f. - acy (state or quality)
- g. -ize, -ise (become)
- h. -ious, -ous (characterized by)
- i. -less (without)
- j. -able, -ible (capable of being)

3. Complete the sentences with synonyms of the words in brackets

- 1. It was a _____ (dangerous) journey, and we were lucky to have escaped unharmed.
- 2. The bus slowed down at the _____ (junction).
- 3. She _____ (rarely) plays the violin now.
- 4. We _____ (craved) for a cold drink after the long walk in the heat.
- 5. What a _____ (pitiless) man you are!
- 6. He has put in great _____ (try) to win this title.
- 7. It is good to keep our surroundings _____ (clean).
- 8. It was actually a blessing in _____ (conceal).
- 9. We _____ vegetables from the market. (purchase)
- 10. It is a pleasure to teach Sarika, who is always _____ to learn new things. (eager)

4. Complete the sentences with antonyms of the words in brackets

- a. This tool can only be used for _____ purpose. (universal)
- b. I found the book very _____. (engrossing)
- c. The survey was _____ in its scope. (Comprehensive)
- d. She is careful to always _____ the rules. (contravene)

- e. Pay attention! We are discussing issues that are _____. (incidental)
- f. The old woman was too _____ to walk. (strong)
- g. You should _____ these rules (forget)
- h. You must follow the chronological _____ of dates. (disorder)
- i. Rugby is a full-contact sport played _____. (indoors)
- j. Prices of electricity and petrol have _____ recently. (dropped)

5. Rewrite the following sentences correctly:

- a. Are you going for the party?
- b. The purse is below the pillow.
- c. Annie went in the bedroom to get her shawl.
- d. He goes to the university by foot.
- e. Don't be afraid. You're between friends here.
- f. It is not good to be ashamed for your work.
- g. Romy was visiting her friend by the hospital.
- h. I have a great admiration of the city museum.
- i. It has been raining from yesterday.
- j. The new term begins in 30th July.

6. Correct the following sentences by using the right articles

- a. My brother is electrical engineer.
- b. I always get headache if I don't wear my glasses.
- c. Swiss are very fussy about hygiene.
- d. Ramu is a intelligent boy.
- e. Have you been to Nilgiri hills?
- f. You can have apple if you are hungry.
- g. Lady who lives next door is architect
- h. He travelled around a world in a ship.
- i. They sailed down a Ganga and the Yamuna.
- j. My grandmother has read a Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

7. Identify phrase, dependent clause and independent clauses in the following sentences.

- a. The hermit lived in a hut made of wood.
- b. He saw Nandini, and she waved to him.
- c. Milk is good for health.
- d. Walking on the road, I met Sukhbir.
- e. Birds of a feather flock together.
- f. She studied under the street light.
- g. Put the cups on the desk.
- h. He glanced out of the windows.
- i. I know a woman who works in Delhi Police.
- j. We cannot live without oxygen or fresh air.

8. Punctuate the following sentences correctly.

- a. i speak telugu and hindi better than English what about you
- b. whos there oh its you
- c. it's a lovely day today isn't it I want to go to the park but im not sure if its open
- d. id forgotten that hed mentioned that its there
- e. it need an assistant who can do the following input data

9. What is the process of 'toasting' language, according to R.K.Narayan?
10. Why does the author label the word 'check' as the American National expression'?
11. How are the questions used as suggestion in English?
12. What is the author's attitude in this essay? Comment on the tone and style of the essay?
13. What is Bharat brand of English?
14. What is the result of toasted English?
15. What are the strategies for effective reading?
16. How many types of sentences are there?
17. What is an imperative sentence?
19. Define phrase and clause?
20. Mention the features of a good paragraph?

Long Answer Questions

1. What has happened to English in America through the process of 'toasting'? In your opinion what has the language gained and lost through such toasting'?
2. What does the author mean by saying that there should be a 'Bharat brand of English'? Has English in India developed unique expressions and usages?
3. Explain the importance of Reading in detail.
4. What are the strategies for effective reading?
5. Explain the types of sentences with examples.
6. Build paragraphs on the following a. 'Practice makes man perfect' b. 'Don't judge a book by its cover'.
7. Explain the features of a good paragraph.
8. Develop a paragraph using the following hints.
Internet-transformed society fundamentally- originally US military communication network- 1980's used by academics, government technologists- now, worldwide network- variety of purposes- communication-information- entertainment- used by everyone- reshaped society – altered lifestyle.
9. What is word formation? Explain the types of word formation with 2 examples each.
10. Summarize the lesson "Toasted English"

UNIT II: Appro JRD Sudha Murty

Short Answer Questions

1.Fill in the blanks with correct spellings of the words given in brackets.

- a. A good _____ (calender) is _____ (indispensible) for efficient time management.
- b. Their economy has grown ; _____ (ours) has been _____ (comparitively) _____ (stagnent).
- c. The people were _____ (inoculated) against the _____ (desease).
- d. He copied the work from an _____ (amature) writer, but is _____ (plagerism) was soon discovered.
- e. Please save the _____ (receipt) of this _____ (tranzaction) for future _____ (reference)
- f. I need some _____ (stationary) products for my craftwork.
- g. Mr Patrick is our new _____ (principle).
- h. Shaun loved playing football _____ (acording) to his best friend.
- i. Andrew loved reading books _____ (espeshally) before bedtime.
- j. Ramesh _____ (sinserly) apologised for being late.

2. Fill in the blanks with single homonyms:

- a. i. She wrote a new _____
ii. The children went to _____ in the park.
- b. i. I was asked to _____ a few lines of verse
ii. The sheep are not in their _____
iii. She uses a brush _____ for calligraphy.
- c. i. _____ out for fraudulent call and e-mails.
ii. She got me an expensive _____ for my birthday.
- d. i. The boxers entered the boxing _____ for the first round of the fight.
ii. He gifted her a diamond engagement _____.

3. For each of the words, make two sentences (homographs-different meanings)

- a. bear b. desert c. saw d. fair e. park f. minute
- h. wind i. present j. desert

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct homophones from the options given in brackets.

- a. I bought a _____ of gloves. (pare, pair, pear)
- b. The lioness picked up the _____ of her prey. (sent, scent, cent)
- c. The king's _____ did not last very long. (rein, rain, reign).
- d. The lioness picked up the _____ of her prey (sent, scent, cent)
- e. She wanted to _____ her favourite outfit. (wear, ware)

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct homophones from the options given in brackets.

- a. I am _____ of _____ games. (board, bored)
- b. Our _____ is a lady of great _____. (principle, principal)
- c. She _____ her bike down the _____. (road, rode)
- d. Did you buy _____ tickets _____ the show, _____? (too, to, two).
- e. Arjun's _____ was _____ from playing in the school. (banned, band).
- f. After he was sick for several days, his face was _____ (pail/pale).
- g. She purchased a beautiful new gown _____ (for/four) the dance.
- h. Walking down the _____ (I'll/aisle/isle) to get married can be scary.
- i. Plastic containers are _____ (band/banned) on the beach.
- j. The baker systematically kneaded the _____ (doe/dough) for the bread.

6. Show the difference between the words in the given sets of homophones.

- a. break, brake f. reign, rain
- b. pane, pain g. sole, soul
- c. paws, pause h. steal, steel
- d. site, sight i. tale, tail
- e. hole, whole j. waist, waste

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns.

- a. The members of the jury disagreed among _____.
- b. The United States is known for _____ military strength.
- c. Everyone should bring _____ own textbook to class.
- d. You and I managed to complete _____ work in time, but neither Rohit nor Ali submitted _____ work.
- e. All of the stolen jewellery was returned to _____ owner, Mr. Lal. _____ put all of the jewels back in _____ cases in _____ vault.
- f. I posted the letter _____

- g. She drew the picture _____
- h. He is taller than _____ brother
- i. _____ is a gift from my uncle.
- j. The queen fulfilled _____ promise.

8.Fill in the blanks below using appropriate form of the verb using the verbs in the tenses suggested.

- a.The children in this school ____ yoga classes twice a week. (have; simple present)
- b. Both the rice and the curd _____delicious. (be; simple past)
- c. Bose, (speak: simple present) Kannada fluently.
- d. I (work: simple present) for an NGO in Gwalior.
- e.There (be: simple past) three crows on the tree branch.
- f. The boys (play: past progressive) table tennis.
- g. Stephen .. . (clear: present perfect) the table.
- h. The planes (approach: present progressive) the airport.
- i. Ahmed and Rafi (be: simple past) on their way to school.
- j. Natasha and her sister (go: simple past) for a walk in the park.

9.Fill in the blanks with BE or HAVE in the present tense in a form that agrees with the subject of the sentence.

- a. This is the only one in his collection of stories that _____ worth reading.
- b. My trousers _____ been stolen.
- c. Seven lakh rupees ____ a large sum of money.
- d. Aditi is one of the girls who _____ selected.
- e. What _____ the news?
- f. Mathematics_____ an interesting subject.
- g. My trousers_____ been stolen.
- h. What_____ the news ?
- i. Seven lakh rupees ____ a large sum of money.
- j. The teachers in the college _____ very experienced.

10. Define skimming and scanning

11. Describe Sudha Murthy's first experience of gender discrimination.

12. Convey in your own words what Sudha Murthy wrote in her postcard to JRD Tata. What reply did she receive?

13. Discuss Sudha Murthy's experience at the interview at TELCO.

14. Describe Sudha Murthy's feelings about Pune, and the impact that moving to Pune has had on her life.

15. Discuss Murthy's statement. "You can call it gratitude".

16. Why didn't Sudha Murthy want to take up a job in India?

17. Who was the Chairperson of TELCO when Murthy joined the company?

18. State the purpose of Murthy's visit to Pune.

19. Describe JRD Tata in Sudha Murthy's words.

20. What message did JRD Tata give Sudha Murthy on her last day at TELCO?

Long Answer Questions

- 1.Explain in detail ‘skimming’ and scanning’
- 2.Draw a character sketch of Sudha Murty, as seen from the facets of her personality she reveals in this essay.
- 3.Why does Sudha Murty have such great respect for JRD Tata? What did Sudha Murty’s encounters with JRD Tata reveal about the latter?
- 4.Describe your favourite cricket star or film star.
5. Describe the best place you have visited so far.
- 6.Describe your favourite brand of mobile.
- 7.Describe an event you witnessed or participated.
8. Summarize the lesson “ Appro JRD Sudha Murty”.
- 9.Explain how Sudha Murty raised her voice against Gender Discrimination and what was the consequence?
- 10.Summarise the journey of Sudha Murty’s job at TELCO.

UNIT III: LESSONS FROM ONLINE LEARNING

Short Answer Questions

1.Fill in the blanks with words chosen from the options in brackets.

- a. There has been a huge _____ in petrol prices. (rise, raise)
- b. The suspect’s nervousness _____ that she knows about the missing money. (implies, infers).
- c.The amount of impurities in the water _____ the acceptable limit.(accedes, exceeds).
- d. Please be _____ with this information. (discreet, discrete).
- e. Use the _____ to guide the horse along the path. (reigns, rains, reins).
- f. His shirt is very _____.(loose, lose)
- g. My work will require _____ a lot of concentration.(quiet, quite)
- h. After the team members bowl, I will _____down their scores.(write, right)
- i. They will _____our proposal for the conference. (except, accept)
- j. The heavy rains will have an _____ on the crop growth.(affect, effect)

2. Write the meanings of the following words which are often confused:

- a. accept, except
- b. adapt, adopt
- c. advice, advise
- d. affect, effect
- e. beside, besides
- f. among, between
- g. since, for
- h. complement, compliment
- i. principle, principal
- j. stationary, stationery

3. Make sentences with the following set of words:

- a. assent-ascent-accent
- b. forward- foreword
- c. further-farther
- d. loose - lose
- e. emigrate- immigrate

4. Mention some Arabic words used in English.
5. Write five German words used in English.
6. What does Pandemic education popularize?
7. What do the authors mean by the phrase 'learning to learn online'?
8. What are the four takeaways related to online learning that should be retained post-pandemic?
9. What is meant by geo-spatial?
10. Explain hybrid mode of education.

Long Answer Questions

1. Explain in detail the four takeaways related to online learning that should be retained post-pandemic?
2. There are a number of issues that need to be tackled to improve online learning, and this essay touches upon a few of them. Elaborate on any two issues mentioned in this essay by referring to your own experience.
3. Summarize the essay "Lessons from online learning".
4. How is the 'design' of an online course different from that of a traditional in-person course?
5. Explain in detail the concepts 'Designing online teaching with purpose'.