



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'.



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UNIT III: DIGITAL LEARNING

Short Answer Questions

1. **Rewrite each sentence, moving the misplaced modifier to its correct position:**

- a. The train was nearly late by five hours
- b. Sindhu bought a pen from a shop that didn't cost much.
- c. I only need to do this once.
- d. The piece was missing from the puzzle that we needed to complete the set.
- e. We listened to the speech by the Prime Minister huddled around the radio.
- f. The wrestler was a large man with a flowing beard weighing 130 kgs.
- g. She gave the beggar her food who was sitting on the road.
- h. The book was only published in Telugu.
- i. Mani presented a paper at a seminar titled 'management challenges' in a digital age
- j. We saw a lot of miniature paintings on the school trip to an art gallery
- k. The tall soldier led the parade with the beard.
- l. She wore a bicycle helmet on her head that was too large.
- m. The patient was referred to the physician with stomach pain.
- n. We returned the soup to the waiter that was salty.
- o. My mother served biscuits to my friends wrapped in an aluminum foil.

2. **Rewrite the following sentences correctly.**

- a. It is raining for four days
- b. I used to write stories as a child.
- c. She is driving for two hours now.
- d. My sister has returned home last week
- e. He did not came to class yesterday.
- f. She will come to college regularly.
- g. He is working here since 20 July.
- h. The students did not submit the assignments yet.
- i. I am peeling potatoes when my friend called me yesterday.
- j. She received a call from her friend before she had dinner.
- k. They will complete their B.Tech by July 2027.

3. **Complete the sentences by choosing the correct option.**

- a. I _____ that it is true. (know, am knowing)
- b. I _____ myself. (have hurt, hurt)
- c. She _____ three sisters. (is having, has)
- d. Do you know where _____ from? (she comes, does she come)

- e. I _____ mangoes. (am liking, like)
- f. She _____ at the college before she realized it was a holiday. (arrived, had arrived)
- g. I _____ something bad. (am smelling, smell)
- h. I did not _____ to college yesterday. (go, went)
- i. He _____ work sincerely. (doesn't, don't)
- j. He _____ the test last week. (wrote, has written)

4. What is Intensive reading?
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6. What format do we use for formal letters?
7. What are the elements of a formal letter?
8. What is a Curricula Vitae?
9. What is a cover letter?
10. What is the difference between a CV and a Resume?

Long Answer Questions

1. Write an email to book shop complaining about receiving damaged copies of book that you had ordered.
2. You have completed your undergraduate studies and require a transfer certificate in order to apply for a postgraduate course at JNTU Hyderabad. Write a letter to your principal requesting her for the necessary certificate.
3. Write a letter to the registrar of your university to correct a mistake in the spelling of your name in your mark sheet while also requesting him to issue a new mark sheet to you.
4. You are a graduate in chemical engineering from the National Institute of Technology, Trichy. You have three years of experience as an assistant project engineer with a fertilizer company. Write a job application letter in response to an opening for the post of project engineer in a well-known petrochemical company. Also prepare a résumé/CV for the same.
5. Explain the structure of a formal letter.

UNIT IV: ART AND LITERATURE

Short Answer Questions

1. Expand the following abbreviations

ASAP, CEO, DIY, FAQ, GDP, PAN, PFA, PIN, IQ, EQ, RSVP, Vs.

2. Spot the cliché in the following sentences and then re-write the sentence to avoid the cliché.

- a. Leading the team is no bed of roses.
- b. Injustice makes my blood boil
- c. At work, she was always ready to go the extra mile.
- d. He had to toe the line to keep his job.
- e. Yesterday's World Cup quarter-final match was one for the books
- f. Don't cry over spilled milk.
- g. I was frightened to death when the gas cylinder exploded.
- h. One needs to have nerves of steel to fight a war.

3. What is SQ3R method?

4. **Cross out unnecessary words from the sentences below.**

- a. She summarized the report briefly.
- b. The announcer was inaudible at the back of the hall and could not be heard.
- c. The committee is in the process of reviewing our recommendations.
- d. Go and fetch my belongings, please.
- e. We must encourage new innovation.
- f. The police chased after the thief
- g. They should learn to cooperate together.
- h. He ordered for two plates of biryani
- i. The person who is responsible for this mess should be fired.
- j. The money we have is sufficient enough.
- k. A total of 15 students are present in the classroom.
- l. The twins look exactly the same.

5. Who was Albert Einstein's mentor?

6. Who was the author of 'Light from Many Lamps'?

7. Which book explained an excellent code of conduct?

8. What does the third book which Kalam liked highlight upon?

9. Who was bestowed the 38th Jnanpith award and what does he say?

11. How has Indian civilization managed to survive the different forces of change?

12. What are Kalam's favorite books, and how have these influenced him?

13. Why should children be encouraged to read books?

14. What is the power of drama and films on human lives?

15. Define a cliché.

16. Explain redundancies in communication.

17. Mention different types of essays.

18. What is Précis writing?

19. What are the steps to write a Précis?

20. Define the purpose of writing a précis?

Long Answer Questions

1. What is the importance of art and literature in one's life, according to A.P.J. Abdul Kalam?
2. How do the different arts influence human civilization?
3. Kalam believed that 'Students of art and literature are important contributors to transforming India into a developed nation: Do you agree with this statement? Elaborate your answer.
4. Explain different types of essays.
5. **Write an essay on the topic:** Leading the team is no bed of roses
6. **Write an expository essay on:** Social media: a curse or boon?
7. **Write an narrative essay on:** The proudest moment of your life
8. **Write an argumentative essay on:** Violence in cinema promotes violence in society.
9. **Write a descriptive essay on:** How would you spend a million rupees?
10. Explain in detail SQ3R reading method.

UNIT V: GO KISS THE WORLD

Short Answer Questions

1. Choose the correct collocation in each of the given pairs.

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| 1. Honest apology | sincere apology |
| 2. Speak fluent English | speak easy English |
| 3. Complete a promise | fulfill a promise |
| 4. Preside a meeting | chair a meeting |
| 5. Do a mistake | make a mistake |
| 6. Play a part | do a part |
| 7. Have a conversation | make a conversation |
| 8. Have conversation with | make conversation with |
| 9. Bomb went off | Bomb put off |
| 10. Keep myself busy | Make myself busy |

2. The sentences below contain errors of different kinds. Re-write each sentence correctly.

- She said me that she likes Maths.
- She does not listen me.
- Tell to me why you are late.
- My cell phone was under the sofa which rang all night long.
- Working in the lab for hours, my feet began to hurt.
- I am telling my students all the time not to talk.
- Hydrogen is known for its properties of being the colorless, odourless and tasteless.
- Please explain me this problem.
- The rose is smelling sweet.
- We are in the bus.
- What kind of music are you interested?
- This is hottest summer I have experienced.

3. Write ten general technical vocabulary terms with their meanings.

4. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct option.

- Subroto and his mother collected twigs and _____ a fence.(build/ built/ was building)
- Subroto's mother _____cataract in her eyes when she was still quite young.
(was developing/ has developed/developed)
- She did not _____for the test last month.(sat/ sit/ keep sitting)
- She would have succeeded if she _____harder.(had tried/ have tried/ tried)
- Although she _____, she was not disheartened.
- (failed/ has failed/ was failing)

4. Correct the sentences and rewrite them.

- a. The bag was heavy that I could not carry it.
 - b. Where you are staying?
 - c. Satish went to the hospital to get his blood pressure checked.
 - d. Salma gave to me the bracelet.
 - e. Saba avoided to meet people
 - f. The wisdom is unique gift.
 - g. We should have empathy for poor.
 - h. Sun sets in west.
 - i. The iron is found in India
 - j. The traffic in Banglore is worst than Hyderabad.
 - k. Subroto Bagchi urges us to be selfless and having an open mind.
 - l. Sunny's score is similar to Shoab.
 - m. There are 40 woman in the room.
 - n. Ramesh bought a 2 acres plot.
 - o. Kala didn't do well in the exam. Because she did not study.
5. Why did Bagchi's father never let them ride in the office jeep?
 6. Why did Bagchi's mother plant gardens even though they would move often?
 7. What was Bagchi's first lesson in success?
 8. Why did Bagchi have to move to Bhubaneswar?
 9. How does Bagchi relate imagination to success?
 10. Describe the political outlook of Bagchi's parents?

Long Answer Questions

Answer the following questions in about 250-300 words each.

1. Describe the morning ritual in Bagchi's house and bring out its importance.
2. Describe the last days of Bagchi's father in the hospital.
3. What created in Bagchi a sense of interconnectedness with a larger world?
4. Explain the different types of reports?
5. Elaborate the structure of report?
6. Present the annual report of your colleges cultural association in about 400-500 words. The report could mention its purpose, the members of its organizing committee, its activities, and plans for the coming year.
7. The road near your house has been seeing an increase in traffic. Prepare a feasibility report to be submitted to the local corporation office, showing how the traffic may be diverted during peak hours to other roads.
8. What role does Subroto's mother play in his life? Elaborate with special focus on his mother.
9. Explain in detail the different lessons Subroto learnt from his father
10. Write the summary of Subroto Bagchi's 'Go Kiss the World'

 All the best