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Time Allotted : 3 Hours   *Full Marks :70*

The Figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidate are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

Group-A (Very Short Answer Type Question)

1. Answer *any ten* of the following :   [1 x 10 = 10]

   (I) What is a simple sentence?

   (II) Identify whether the sentence is correct or incorrect:
   "The cat and the dog plays in the garden."

   (III) Choose the more descriptive sentence:
   a) *"The cake was good."*
   b) *"The cake was soft, rich, and filled with creamy chocolate."*

   (IV) What should the subject line in a business email be like?

   (V) Which word is a back-formation: "donate" or "donation"?

   (VI) What is a compound sentence?

   (VII) Choose the correct verb:
   "Either my mother or my father (is/are) coming to the meeting."

   (VIII) Identify the stronger verb in this sentence:
   "The river (flowed/moved) swiftly through the valley."

   (IX) What is the function of the CC and BCC fields in an email?

   (X) The Greek root *"phon"* means *"sound."* Identify the word that contains this root:
   a) Graphic
   b) Telephone
   c) Vision
   d) Manual

   (XI) Rewrite the following simple sentence as a complex sentence: *"She studied hard to pass the exam."*

   (XII) Fill in the blank with the correct verb:
   The quality of these products _____ excellent. (*is/are*)

Group-B (Short Answer Type Question)

Answer *any three* of the following :   [5 x 3 = 15]

2. What is the purpose of a cover letter? List three key elements that should be included in it.   [5]

3. Explain the types of clipping with examples for each.   [5]

4. Rewrite the following sentences by changing the type of phrase or clause used: [5]
   a. *"She left early because she was feeling sick."* (Change the clause to a phrase.)
   b. *"Being tired, he decided to rest."* (Change the phrase to a clause.)

5. Identify the noun-pronoun agreement error and correct the sentence: [5]
   "If a person wants to be successful, they must work hard."

6. What is classification in writing? Explain its role with an example.   [5]

Group-C (Long Answer Type Question)

Answer *any three* of the following :   [15 x 3 = 45]

7. (a) What is a misplaced modifier? Explain with two examples and correct them.   [5]

   (b) Define definite and indefinite articles. Provide three examples for each.   [5]

   (c) Explain the importance of prepositions in sentence structure with five examples.   [5]

8. What is the role of examples and evidence in writing? Explain with three examples.   [15]

9. Essay Writing: [15]
   Write a well-structured essay of 200-250 words on the topic:
   "The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Society"

Your essay should include:

Introduction – Define AI and its significance.

Body – Discuss at least three key impacts of AI with examples.

Conclusion – Summarize the main ideas and provide a final thought.

10. Discuss the role of acronyms in vocabulary building. Explain their significance with five examples, including their full forms and meanings. [15]

11. The following paragraph lacks cohesion. Rewrite it to improve the logical flow, clarity, and connection between ideas. [15]

Paragraph (Lacking Cohesion):

Technology is important in our daily lives. Many people use smartphones. They also like social media. Computers help in offices. Some people prefer working from home. The internet provides information. Online shopping is common. It is convenient. Communication is faster now. People can send messages quickly.

Instructions:

Use transition words to improve connections between sentences.

Use pronoun references to avoid unnecessary repetition.

Use parallel structure to make sentences flow better.

Ensure the paragraph has a clear central idea with supporting details.

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