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**21EN101 - Communicative English (Regulation 2021)**

**Common to ALL Branches**

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum: 100 Marks**

**PART – A (Answer ALL questions)**

**(20\*0.5=10 Marks)**

1. Choose the right question tags  
There is little we can do about it.  
a. Isn't there?      b. Is there?      c. Does there?      d. Doesn't there?
2. Fill in the blank with the right collocation.  
My grandfather was a \_\_\_\_\_ smoker, so few people were surprised when he died of oral cancer.  
a. serial      b. heavy      c. big      d. light
3. Spot the error in the following sentence.  
a. The moon/ b. along with/ c. the stars/ d. shine/ e. at night / f. No error
4. Choose the most suitable answer that identifies the homonyms in the sentence.  
The apartment has a large \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. hall      b. haul      c. hail      d. hale
5. Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term.  
Electricity : Galvanometer :: Atmospheric Pressure : \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. Barometer      b. Osmometer      c. Hydrometer      d. Radiometer
6. Select the option that is related to the third letter cluster in the same way as the second letter cluster is related to the first letter cluster.  
OPJK : HGSR :: PLIS : \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. PFIM      b. PFOS      c. VLOS      d. NTRQ
7. Fill in the blanks using appropriate verbs that would complete the collocation.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ majority of our employees have over a decade's worth of experience.  
a. big      b. immense      c. vast      d. huge
8. Fill in the blank with the right collocation.  
The positive recognition \_\_\_\_\_ my confidence.  
a. boosted      b. swelled      c. surged      d. grew
9. Fill in the blanks using appropriate relative pronoun that would complete the sentence.  
Here is the newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ is in my room.  
a. which      b. where      c. who      d. whose



23. Choose the right answer.
- I have to \_\_\_\_\_ my notes once again to make sure I have learned all important details before the exam.  
a. Stand for    b. put up with    c. take after    d. pull down    e. go over
  - My check-up results indicate that I have to ---- all my bad habits at once.  
a. Keep on    b. let down    c. give up    d. put across    e. bring up
24. Change the following sentences as instructed.
- "What is your name?" he asked me. (Change into indirect speech)
  - The policeman asked the boy where he lived. (Change into direct speech)
25. Correct the misplaced modifiers in the following sentences.
- She wore a bicycle helmet on her head *that was too large*.
  - They bought a kitten for my brother *they call Shadow*.

**PART – C (Answer any five questions) (5\*14=70 Marks)**

26. (i) Two friends are talking as they come out of the examination hall after the final bell. Write a conversation with a minimum of 7 responses each between them. 7
- (ii) Write a paragraph on "How important is it to have a personal-professional balance in life to be happy? What do you do to achieve that?" (150 words) 7
27. (i) Some people think that robots are important for the future of humans. Others think that robots have negative effects on society. Discuss both views and give your opinion. (150 words) 7
- (ii) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "People communicate with each other less than in the past because of the popularity of digital media." Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (150 words) 7
28. **Read the passage carefully and make notes as per the instructions given.** 14

Despite all the research every one of us catches a cold and most of us catch it frequently. Our failure to control one of the most common of all ailments sometimes seems ridiculous. Medical science regularly practices transplant surgery and has rid whole countries of such killing diseases as Typhus and the Plague. But the problem of the common cold is unusually difficult and much has yet to be done to solve it. It is known that a cold is caused by one of a number of viral infections that affect the lining of the nose and other passages leading to the lungs but the confusing variety of viruses makes study and remedies very difficult. It was shown in 1960 that many typical colds in adults are caused by one or the other of a family of viruses known as rhinoviruses, yet there still remain many colds for which no virus has as yet been isolated.

There is also the difficulty that because they are so much smaller than the bacteria which cause many other infections, viruses cannot be seen with ordinary microscopes. Nor can they be cultivated easily in the bacteriologist's laboratory, since they only grow within the living cells of animals or plants. An important recent step forward, however, is the development of the technique of tissue



culture, in which bits of animal tissue are enabled to go on living and to multiply independently of the body. This has greatly aided virus research and has led to the discovery of a large number of viruses. Their existence had previously been not only unknown but even unsuspected.

The fact that we can catch a cold repeatedly creates another difficulty. Usually, a virus strikes only once and leaves the victim immune to further attacks. Still, we do not gain immunity from colds. Why? It may possibly be due to the fact that while other viruses get into the bloodstream where antibodies can oppose them, the viruses cause cold attack cells only on the surface. Or it may be that immunity from one of the many different viruses does not guarantee protection from all the others. It seems, therefore, that we are likely to have to suffer colds for some time yet.

1. Give a suitable title to the passage. (1)
2. Make notes of the contents of the passage you have read. (5)
3. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. (2)
4. Make a summary of the passage. (2)

29. You are Samantha / Sampath, an IT Professional. You want to raise awareness about the rising incidences of cybercrimes. Write a letter to the editor of Cyber magazine "Info news", highlighting the issue and suggesting measures to prevent such happenings. 14
30. You have to cancel a meeting with James Lewis, a senior manager in your company, at very short notice. Write a minimum of 150 words. 14  
Write an email to Mr Lewis:
  - Apologizing for the cancellation
  - Explaining why this is necessary
  - Suggesting a date when you are free
31. Your car insurance company has told you that they are going to increase the amount you have to pay in insurance for your car each month. You are not happy about this. Write a letter to your insurance company with not less than 150 words. 14  
In your letter explain,
  - Why you are writing to them
  - Why you think the insurance should not be increased
  - What you want them to do
32. Write a report on the event "Annual Sports day" conducted in your college in 250 words. 14

#### **PART - D (Answer the questions) (1\*10=10 Marks)**

- 33 (a) **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.** 10  
A long time ago, on a big tree in the lap of the mountain, lived a bird named Sindhuka. It was a **rather** special bird because its droppings turned into gold as soon as they hit the ground.  
One day, a hunter came to the tree in search of prey, and he saw Sindhuka's

droppings hit the ground and turn into gold. The hunter was struck with wonder. He thought, "I have been hunting birds and small animals since I was a boy, but in all my 80 years, I have never seen such a miraculous creature. He decided that he had to catch the bird somehow. He climbed the tree and **skillfully** set a trap for the bird. The bird, quite unaware of the danger it was in, stayed on the tree and sang merrily. But it was soon caught in the hunter's trap. The hunter immediately seized it and shoved it into a cage.

The hunter took the bird home joyfully. But as he had time to think over his good fortune later, he suddenly realized, "If the king comes to know of this wonder, he will certainly take away the bird from me and he might even punish me for keeping such a rare treasure all to myself. So it would be safer and more honourable if I were to go to the king and present the unique bird to him." The next day, the hunter took the bird to the king and presented it to him in court with great **reverence**. The king was delighted to receive such an unusual and rare gift. He told his courtiers to keep the bird safe and feed it with the best bird food available.

The king's prime minister though, was **reluctant** to accept the bird. He said "O Rajah, how can you believe the word of a foolish hunter accept this bird? Has anyone in our kingdom ever seen a bird dropping gold? The hunter must be either crazy or telling lies. I think it is best that you **release** the bird from the cage." After a little thought, the king felt that his prime minister's words were correct. So, he ordered the bird to be released. But as soon as the door of the cage was thrown open, the bird flew out, perched itself on a nearby doorway, and defecated. To everyone's surprise, the dropping immediately turned into gold. The king mourned his loss.

1. **Which of the following is possibly the most appropriate title for the story?**
  - a. The Skilled Hunter
  - b. The King's Prime Minister
  - c. The King's Defeat
  - d. The Bird with the Gold Dropping
  - e. The Trials and Tribulations of the Foolish Bird Sindhuka
2. **Which of the following emotions made the hunter gift the bird to the king?**
  - a. Respect
  - b. Joy
  - c. Pride
  - d. Fear
  - e. Awe
3. **Which of the following is true according to the story?**
  - a. Birds like Sindhuka were very common in the area near the mountain
  - b. Sindhuka remained caged for the rest of its life
  - c. Sindhuka was unaware of the trap laid by the hunter
  - d. The King, when told to not accept the bird, did not listen to his Prime Minister
  - e. All are true
4. **Why was the king's Prime Minister reluctant to accept the bird?**
  - a. He believed that the bird would die if caged
  - b. He knows about the hunter's habit of lying
  - c. He believed that the bird would bring bad luck to the king
  - d. His sources had informed him that the hunter was crazy
  - e. None of these

5. **How did the hunter find Sindhuka?**

- a. He had read stories about the bird and had set traps at various locations in the city
- b. He followed the bird's droppings
- c. He was on the lookout for a prey when he chanced upon it
- d. People from the city had informed him about the bird's whereabouts
- e. He was attracted by the birds' calls

**Directions (Q. 6-8)** Choose the word that is most similar in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in the passage.

6. **Rather**

- a. Regular
- b. Quite
- c. Instead
- d. But
- e. Known

7. **Release**

- a. Free
- b. Vacate
- c. Vent
- d. Let expire
- e. Make public

8. **Reverence**

- a. Respect
- b. Detail
- c. Astonishment
- d. Hope
- e. Remembrance

9. **Define hunter's trap**

10. Give a suitable title to this paragraph.

**(OR)**

- (b) You are Ram/Rajani, living at 1, Gandhi Park, Coimbatore. Read the advertisement given below and apply for the job by sending your resume with the cover letter.

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**Hiring Software Engineers - Fresher & Experienced Both**

**New Age Compusys Technologies Pvt. Ltd. - Posted by HRM**

**Experience: 0 - 5 years**

**Salary: 8 Lacs P.A.**

**Location: Hyderabad/ Bengaluru / Delhi**