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This Examination paper contains FOURTEEN [14] questions in TWENTY ONE [21] pages.

Answer ALL questions.

Questions 1 to 10 are to be answered in this booklet and Questions 11 to 14 are to be answered in the answer booklet.

1. Assign the part of speech for the word 'down' in the following sentences, and state your reasons for doing so.

(a) Down went the "Royal George."

Part of speech: _____

Reason: _____

(b) The fire engine came rushing down the hill.

Part of speech: _____

Reason: _____

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(c) The porter was killed by the down train.

Part of speech: _____

Reason: _____

(d) He has seen the ups and downs of life.

Part of speech: _____

Reason: _____

(e) Down with the tyrant!

Part of speech: _____

Reason: _____

(5 marks)

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- 2. The following paragraph contains fifteen [15] errors involving capital letters, apostrophes and quotation marks. Mark each error, then enter the correct forms in the spaces below, observing the order of occurrence.

Alaskas claims to greatness are many. By far the largest of our fifty states, more than twice the size of Texas, this sprawling land stretches farther to the North and West than any other state. Alaskans delight in squelching texans by telling them if you dont stop bragging, we'll cut Alaska in half and make Texas the third largest state. Long the nations leader in commercial fishing, Alaska is also beginning to tap it's vast reserves of timber. And the old discoveries of the 1960s near Prudhoe bay may well make Alaska one of our countrys top petroleum producers in the coming decade. The potential of Alasks's Tourist Industry is yet to be realized. With such spectaculars of nature as Mendenhall glacier, Mount McKinley National Park, and Katmai National Monument, tourists will continue to seek out this wonderland of the Arctic circle.

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____
- (f) _____
- (g) _____
- (h) _____
- (i) _____

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(j) _____

(k) _____

(l) _____

(m) _____

(n) _____

(o) _____

(7.5 marks)

3. Write short dialogues of two or three sentences, incorporating these colloquial phrases and responses, e.g. 'Never mind!'

'I'm sorry, I forgot to post your letter.'

'Never mind! I'll post it myself when I go out.'

(a) 'Well, I never!'

(b) 'I don't get it.'

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(c) 'It can't be helped.'

(d) 'I like that!' (ironic)

(e) 'Not at all!'

(f) 'Honestly?'

(g) 'Let me see'

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(h) 'Have it your own way!'

(i) 'Just my luck!'

(j) 'I'll see to it.'

(5 marks)

4. In the following paragraph twenty [20] verbs are underlined. If the verb has been used correctly mark C in the appropriate space below; if the verb has been used incorrectly, write the correct form of the verb in the appropriate blank.

The superhero, another creation of the funnies, sets atop a special pedestal. Having broke upon America in 1936 as The Phantom, a masked crusader who brung with him amazing stamina and super strength, the superhero grew in popularity as more bizarre crimefighters joined his ranks. The clothing of the superhero immediately set him apart from the rest of mortals. Clad in tights, he usually wore a cape and sometimes a mask. In possession of astonishing powers, in a tight spot he could have flew away, leaving the villains to wonder, he could have swum the Atlantic, or he might have drove the earth out of its orbit. Such powers lay beyond the grasp of the Phantom, but they were always the property of Superman, an alien being who come from the planet

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Krypton when he was a boy. Disguised as newspaper reporter Clark Kent, he would sit at his desk pretending to write, but he was constantly alert to all the activities of the metropolis, and when he seen or heard anything amiss, he would run to a broom closet and step out of his business suit, revealing himself as Superman. Rival comics begun to imitate Superman. Captain Marvel, who had been gave super powers by the Greek gods, soon appeared in the guise of Billy Batson, boy radio broadcaster. Once he had spoke the magic word "Shazam," he become a beetle-browed superhero, dressed in red tights, and the denizens of the underworld laid groveling at his feet.

- (a) sets _____
- (b) broke _____
- (c) brung _____
- (d) grew _____
- (e) set _____
- (f) wore _____
- (g) flew _____
- (h) swum _____
- (i) drove _____
- (j) lay _____
- (k) come _____
- (l) sit _____
- (m) seen _____
- (n) heard _____
- (o) run _____
- (p) begun _____
- (q) gave _____
- (r) spoke _____
- (s) become _____
- (t) laid _____

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5. Give meaning to the underlined words.

e.g. He was suffering from insomnia, and the doctor gave him some sleeping pills.

insomnia -- inability to go to sleep.

(a) He was a fastidious dresser, always very neat and very particular about what he wore.

(b) The business was an extremely lucrative one; in their first year their profits were five times the size of their original investment.

(c) The fire threatened to spread to the adjacent houses.

(d) To drive home his accusation by repetition, he reiterated that he thought Smithers was a liar.

(e) Such an ointment is likely to mitigate the pain of the burn.

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- (f) Smoking too much is likely to have a pernicious effect on one's health.

- (g) Marjorie looked at the dead roach on the shelf without trying to conceal her repugnance.

- (h) Wasting no words at all and being very brief, he gave a succinct account of his adventures.

- (i) He wanted to meet the new girl, but he was too reticent to try to speak to her without having been introduced.

- (j) The bad odour from the leaking gas connection permeated the whole house.

(5 marks)

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6. Rewrite the following sentences, improving the arrangement.

(a) These acts were pushed through Parliament in spite of opposition with but little modification.

(b) He saw countless number of the dead riding across the field of battle.

(c) His body was found floating lifeless on the water at a short distance from where the boat was upset by a fisherman.

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- (d) He was very fond of her; he thought of marrying her more than once.

- (e) It is proposed to construct a bath for males 99 feet long.

- (f) One day the bird did not perform certain tricks which he had taught it to his satisfaction.

- (g) I have lately received permission to print the following tale from the author's son.

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(h) They left the hotel where they had been staying in a motor-car.

(i) The Board of Education has resolved to erect a building large enough to accomodate 500 students three storeys high.

(j) Girl wanted for telephone of nice manners and appearance.

(5 marks)

7. Complete the sentences, using the words given at the head of the exercise. Use each word once only.

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| stagger | plod | march | loiter | stride |
| stray | strut | ramble | lurk | creep |

(a) The victorious _____ through the conquered city. (soldiers).

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- (b) Not wishing to be discovered, the small boy _____ downstairs. (fear of making a noise)
- (c) The thieves _____ in the shadows for their unsuspecting victim. (waiting with evil intentions)
- (d) The turkey _____ up and down the farmyard. (arrogance)
- (e) The drunkard _____ from the public house and clung to a lamp-post. (unsteady movement)
- (f) We reached the village after a very long walk, and _____ wearily to our hotel. (wearily)
- (g) The manager _____ into the office and asked who was responsible for the error. (purposeful)
- (h) The mother told her son to do the errand quickly, and not to _____ on the way. (necessity for speed)
- (i) The dog had _____ from its home, and was now completely lost. (lose the way)
- (j) As last Sunday was a fine day, we decided to _____ around the countryside. (walking for pleasure, and without aim)

(5 marks)

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- 8. Some of the sentences in the following paragraph contain verbs that do not agree with their subjects. For each sentence containing such an error, write the appropriate form of the verb in the blanks provided below. Mark sentences that are correct C.

(a) A number of firsts is to be found in America's Heartland. (b) Kansas, for example, produce more wheat than any other state. (c) The cornfields of Iowa each year turns out such a fantastic crop that the state is often called the biggest cornfield on earth. (d) Sioux City, Iowa, also claim the nation's biggest popcorn packaging plant. (e) And near Blanchard, North Dakota, are found a 2,063-foot television tower--the nation's tallest. (f) Minnesota has more lakes than any other state. (g) And near Hibbinh, in Minnesota's Mesabi Mountains, are the world's largest open pit iron mine. (h) In South Dakota's Black Hills is found the nation's largest sculpture--the faces on Mount Rushmore. (i) Draining the entire area are the country's mightiest system of rivers--the Missouri-Mississippi. (j) From its headwaters in Yellowstone Park, this sprawling network of waterways cover more than three thousand miles.

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____
- (f) _____
- (g) _____
- (h) _____

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(i) _____

(j) _____

(5 marks)

9. Replace the words underlined by a suitable form of verb ending in -ate, making any necessary changes in word order.

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|-----------------|------------------|
| (a) aggravate | (f) exaggerate |
| (b) contaminate | (g) facilitate |
| (c) collaborate | (h) fabricate |
| (d) complicate | (i) indoctrinate |
| (e) depreciate | (j) impersonate |

i. The two authors worked together on the book.

ii. While he was a prisoner of war, his captors attempted to instil their own beliefs into him.

iii. Investors have seen the value of their shares go down considerably during the last six months.

iv. Far from improving matters, what you have done has only made the problem worse.

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- v. That fact that the management is trying to reach agreement with five separate unions has tended to make the negotiations more difficult and complex.
- _____
- vi. It is now clear that members of the Conservative Party were not trying to make the situation seem more serious than it was when they claimed that the country was still facing enormous problems.
- _____
- vii. The cross-examining lawyer was soon able to show that the witness had simply invented the story from beginning to end.
- _____
- viii. The new methods will make easier the speedy handling of goods in the docks.
- _____
- ix. The two thieves gained access to the house by pretending to be policemen.
- _____
- x. The whole consignment of tinned food was condemned as being impure and likely to cause disease.
- _____

(5 marks)

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10. Paraphrase the following idioms/proverbs.

e.g. 'She can't make ends meet.'

She can't live within her income.

(a) 'I smell a rat.'

(b) 'You were born with a silver spoon in your mouth.'

(c) 'All your schemes have ended in smoke.'

(d) 'You took my breath away.'

(e) 'Let's not split hairs over that!'

(f) 'Don't talk shop here!'

(g) 'That's just a wild goose chase.'

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(h) 'You'll be in hot water, I assure you.'

(i) 'I'm still in the dark.'

(j) 'He made light of the threats (on his life).'

(5 marks)

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SECTION B - Answer ALL questions

Write in the answer booklet.

11. Rewrite the following letter, taking out every unnecessary word:

Dear Sir:

This is the occasion of the third time I have written to you about a kit I ordered and subsequently received with three missing parts. My first two letters, which outlined the problem in minute detail, were not answered, although I sincerely requested prompt service. The missing parts, as noted previously, are two wing-nut bolts, six brass screws, and a lockwedge, which the man at the local hardware had never heard of. Notwithstanding the fact that I have already lost three precious weeks because of your policy of refusing to acknowledge customer complaints and your failure to answer my previous letters, I would appreciate having the missing parts without even further delay so I don't suffer the loss of even more wasted time.

If this letter is also ignored like the last two, I shall feel forced to make formal complaint to the Post Office Department in order to get the restitution I deserve.

I hope to hear from you soon so I don't have to take this dire step, and I trust that you will demonstrate your good faith by communicating with me at once.

Sincerely yours,

George Widgeon

(5 marks)

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12. Rewrite the following sentences, reducing wordiness. Be careful that your reduction does not lead to series of short, choppy declarative sentences.

Example:

To make a long story short, we waited and waited, and Abigail never did come to meet us, and finally we realized that she wasn't coming, so we talked it over and decided that we would go on to the Astrodome without her.

Answer: After waiting for Abigail and finally realizing that she was not coming, we decided to go to the Astrodome without her.

- (a) Marty is a girl who is always cheerfully optimistic, and honesty-wise, she can always be counted on to tell the true facts of a situation.
- (b) The important and vital message that Mr. Langdon meant to imply is that in cases where there is a question as to whether students are required to pre-register, they must consult the handbook and look up the information there.
- (c) The fact of the matter is that Turner is still in the process of revising his novel over again, and I really cannot say, in the final analysis, when he will be finished.
- (d) It appears to be a well-known fact that John is quite proud of the achievements that he has accomplished, and although he is my personal friend, I must point out that he is an individual of a most conceited nature.
- (e) The main protagonist of the drama is a man who falls into serious trouble because of the fact that his true identity is not known to his neighbours on the street where he lives, and they finally come to the conclusion that he is an escaped convict with a past history of arrest.
- (f) My new evening skirt, which is a beautiful pink colour, is made of a taffeta fabric, and it will go nicely with my blouse, which is black velvet.

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- (g) Our party that we had last night was such a success that all our guests continued to stay for hours, and they kept on eating until all the food was gone.
- (h) Salary-wise, my job is not of the type that I have always considered that a good job should be, but nevertheless, in my opinion, one sometimes has to make occasional sacrifices in order to use the talents that he has.
- (i) Normally, I would usually give you the opportunity to make a choice between selecting the blue dress or the green dress, but at this point in time, I have decided to let you have both dresses.
- (j) In a situation where the terrible weather conditions will not permit students to get safely to their classes without danger involved, the school administration is prepared to issue excuses for any unavoidable absences.

(10 marks)

13. Write on the following:

- (a) the problems second-language learners have with subject-verb agreement.
- (b) the problems second-language learners have with subject, object and possessive pronouns.
- (c) the problems second-language learners have with the verbs 'lie' and 'lay'.

(15 marks)

14. English is a boring subject.

Do you agree?

(Marks will be awarded on how well you argue your case. Always remember to give concrete examples).

(12.5 marks)

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