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**THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS SIX [6] QUESTIONS IN THIRTEEN [13] PAGES.**

Answer all questions on the question paper.

1. Answer **FIVE** [5] questions only.
2. **Question 1 is compulsory.**
3. Choose **FOUR** [4] other questions from questions 2 – 6.

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1. Answer [a], [b] and [c].

[a] The sentence below is correct. Rewrite it without changing its original meaning with different punctuation marks and/or without any punctuation marks in ALL the possible places.

*Reeve can't move, but his energy, now directed to raising for funds spinal –cord research, is undiminished.*

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[3 marks]

[b] Identify the inappropriate punctuation marks in the following text and rewrite the text with suitable punctuation marks making it meaningfully coherent.

*To all appearance's, Christopher Reeve is not moving. His hand's lie in their black leather rest like fish on platter, Black straps hold them in place. A seat belt holds his (midsection) in place but is needed only when a spasm-threathens to jolt his body from the chair: Otherwise he and the chair are one-the 1.93m frame of the man conforming to the contours of the black metal contraction that, with its array of tubes; dials, wheels and wires: looks to be part hospital:- part tractor.*

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[5 marks]

- [ii] If you take out a mortgage, the building society will repossess your house if you do not keep up the monthly payments. You must let the building society know if you are going to make late or reduced payments any time.

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[5 marks]

- [b] Rearrange and rewrite the sequence of events below chronologically.

- [i] They drove the car quickly away from the scene of the crime. They had blown open the safe, shot the security guard and left him for dead. A bystander called the emergency services and a passing motorist comforted the guard until they arrived.

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[3 marks]

[ii] Rewrite your answer [i] above in the present form.

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[7 marks]

3. Answer [a], [b] and [c].

[a] The word "grammar" has various meanings. What are they?

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[b] Two main types are 'prescriptive' and 'descriptive' grammars. What are the characteristics of these two types of grammar? (Describe briefly)

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[c] Study the following expressions. Identify the errors and provide the correct solution.

[i] These news are incredible.

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[ii] Accidents has become a daily occurrence.

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[iii] All the furnitures in the room were destroyed

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[iv] One of the boys' are still missing.

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[20 marks]

4. Give the word class of the words in **italics**. Without changing the form of the word, use it in a different word class in another sentence, as in the example provided below.

We are going to **ship** the cargo next week. **ship** – verb

The **ship** came into harbour this morning. **ship** – noun

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[i] He will probably **phrase** his letter carefully.

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[ii] This **exercise** is not too difficult.

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[iii] Will you put these papers in the **file**, please?

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[iv] The chef **cooks** twenty turkeys a day.

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[v] I have cut three **branches** from the apple tree.

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[vi] I am trying to have a nice **sleep**.

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[vii] They want a say in the running of the **place**.

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[viii] He **commands** them to stay at their posts.

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[ix] The housekeeper will line the drawer with **paper**.

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[x] I can't remember your **name**.

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[20 marks]

5. Answer [a], [b] and [c].

[a] Explain the ambiguity of the following sentences by providing two sentences which illustrate two different meanings. For example:

She can't bear children.

[i] She cannot give birth to children.

[ii] She cannot tolerate children.

[i] The man married my sister.

[a] \_\_\_\_\_

[b] \_\_\_\_\_

[ii] The drill was boring.

[a] \_\_\_\_\_

[b] \_\_\_\_\_

[iii] The sole is expensive.

[a] \_\_\_\_\_

[b] \_\_\_\_\_

[6 marks]

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[b] Listed below are several pairs of antonyms. Try to identify whether the pairs of antonyms below are **complementary**, **gradable**, or **relational opposites**.

Answer

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| [i]    | Expensive | Cheap     | _____ |
| [ii]   | Parent    | Offspring | _____ |
| [iii]  | Larger    | Smaller   | _____ |
| [iv]   | Hot       | Cold      | _____ |
| [v]    | Husband   | Wife      | _____ |
| [vi]   | Awake     | Asleep    | _____ |
| [vii]  | Good      | Bad       | _____ |
| [viii] | Beautiful | Ugly      | _____ |
| [ix]   | Pass      | Fail      | _____ |
| [x]    | Legal     | Illegal   | _____ |

[10 marks]

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[c] Study the cartoon strip below.

Briefly explain the concept of word-formation based on the cartoon strip above.

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5. Fill in the blanks below with the appropriate preposition.
- [a] Because of his illness, he may suddenly take a dislike \_\_\_\_\_ foods that he has previously enjoyed.
  - [b] Some commentators compared his work \_\_\_\_\_ that of Shakespeare.
  - [c] Racegoers will be given a number which will correspond \_\_\_\_\_ a horse running in the race.
  - [d] His work as a consultant consisted \_\_\_\_\_ advising foreign companies on the siting of new factories.
  - [e] He is possessed \_\_\_\_\_ the most brilliant talents.
  - [f] I have some sympathy \_\_\_\_\_ this point of view.
  - [g] He is known for his great fondness \_\_\_\_\_ children.
  - [h] My diet consists almost exclusively \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate-covered biscuits and milk.
  - [i] Maria claimed that the couple's daughter was possessed \_\_\_\_\_ the devil.
  - [j] His entrance was announced \_\_\_\_\_ a buzzer connected to the door.
  - [k] He has called a meeting of all parties tomorrow, with a view \_\_\_\_\_ forming a national reconciliation government.
  - [l] We expressed our sympathy \_\_\_\_\_ her loss.
  - [m] The more recent conifer plantations cannot yet compare \_\_\_\_\_ the old woodlands.
  - [n] The company agreed to keep up high levels of output in order to compensate \_\_\_\_\_ supplies lost.
  - [o] The Russians never built any aircraft remotely answering \_\_\_\_\_ this description.
  - [p] Mr. Clinton's economic package squeaked \_\_\_\_\_ the House of Representatives by 219 votes to 213.

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- [q] She was born into a rich family and has always had plenty of servants waiting \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- [r] The President's popularity has plummeted \_\_\_\_\_ an all-time low in recent weeks.
- [s] Sacha raved \_\_\_\_\_ the new foods she ate while she was in Italy.
- [t] I vaguely remember snarling \_\_\_\_\_ someone who stepped on my foot.

[20 marks]

6. Answer questions [a] and [b].

- [a] Circle the adjectives, if there are any, in the sentences below.
  - [i] The cover for this is cleverly jointed in the middle.
  - [ii] The judge described the crime as odious.
  - [iii] Barnes also knows that he is fast running out of time.
  - [iv] Driving today demands lightning reflexes.
  - [v] The traveller's behaviour on the journey is hard to explain.
  - [vi] He seems rather biased against women in my opinion.
  - [vii] His mother's untimely death had a catastrophic effect on him.
  - [viii] I was seated at Sara's immediate left.
  - [ix] Three buttons were missing from his shirt.
  - [x] You may feel unworthy of the attention and help people offer you.
- [b] Circle the adverbs, if there are any, in the sentences below.
  - [i] She tried to climb the staircase, holding fast to the rail.

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- [ii] She has long hair which she'd bleached herself, all yellowy and orangey.
- [iii] He said the security forces would continue to crack down hard on the protestors.
- [iv] There are plans to run the line overground close to the village.
- [v] It makes me sad when I see young people sleeping rough on the streets.
- [vi] The prison official is icily polite and bureaucratic.
- [vii] The sisters were agreeably surprised to find out that the King of Jordan had been their rescuer.
- [viii] Our plans have gone horribly wrong.
- [ix] Adam persuaded Jane to work undercover to capture the killer.
- [x] Officials say the outlook for next year is gloomy.

[20 marks]