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**DHANALAKSHMI SRINIVASAN COLLEGE  
OF ARTS & SCIENCE FOR WOMEN  
(AUTONOMOUS)**

(For Candidates admitted from 2019-2020 onwards)



**UG DEGREE EXAMINATIONS APRIL - 2021**

**B.A - ENGLISH**

**ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION**

**Time: 3 Hrs**

**Max.Marks: 75**

**PART - A**

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER**

**(10X1=10)**

1. This picture \_\_\_\_\_ by my grandmother.  
a) painted      b) is painted      c) are painted      d) has painted
2. Identify the parts of speech of the capitalised word in the following sentence. Have you heard the GOOD news?  
a) pronoun      b) verb      c) adverb      d) adjective
3. Read the following sentence and spot the incorrect section. Satyajit Ray is (1) / one of the greatest film directors (2) / that has ever lived. (3) / No error. (4)  
a) 1      b) 4      c) 2      d) 3
4. Choose the correct antonym of the word 'withdraw'.  
a) want      b) need      c) advance      d) reduce
5. Identify the suitable suffix for the word - 'Pay'  
a) ee      b) ist      c) en      d) an
6. During the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ spoke to the teachers.  
a) break / Principal      b) brake / Principal  
c) break / Principle      d) brake / Principle
7. \_\_\_ and Scanning are two important techniques in reading comprehension.  
a) Reading      b) Skimming      c) Note-taking      d) Processing
8. Career objective should be written on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_ given by the employer.  
a) salary      b) mode of application      c) eligibility      d) job description
9. Which of the following quality is important in a Group Discussion?  
a) Emotional Stability      b) Ignorance      c) Hostility      d) Aggressiveness
10. A \_\_\_ is a clear and compact summary of the original passage.  
a) Rough Draft      b) Précis      c) Paragraph      d) Heading

**PART - B**

**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS**

**(5X7=35)**

11. a) Rewrite the passage by completing it with suitable verb forms:

Three or four decades ago almost every farmer \_\_ (lead) a hard life, working hard from dawn to dusk. In recent times scientific research and technology \_\_\_\_\_ (converge) upon agriculture. They \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) machines that \_\_\_\_\_ (contribute) greatly to agricultural progress. We cannot within a brief space list all the various machines that \_\_\_\_\_ (use) in the modern farm. These machines now \_\_\_\_\_ (perform) most of the hardest tasks. Tractors, for instance, \_\_\_\_\_ (be) of greatest importance among them.

**(OR)**

b) Rewrite the passage by completing it with suitable word given in the brackets:

Julia and Edward are both Polish. \_\_\_\_\_ (Its/It's) been \_\_\_\_\_ (two/too/to) years since they came to the UK. They have \_\_\_\_\_ (been/bean) married \_\_\_\_\_ (for/four) ten years and they have three children; two boys and one girl. As they planned to \_\_\_\_\_ (buy/by) a house, Edward saw an \_\_\_\_\_ (ad/add) in the newspaper. They are (quite/quiet) excited about their new home.

12. a) Read the following passage and make a précis:

English education and English language have done immense goods to India, inspite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions of democracy and self-government are the born of English education. Those who fought and died for mother India's freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture. The West has made contribution to the East. The history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders. Our struggle for freedom has been inspired by the struggles for freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language, how could they have been inspired by these heroic struggles for freedom in other lands?

English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied will do immense good in future. English is spoken throughout the world. For international contact our commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for the scientific studies, English-is indispensable "English is very rich in literature," our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw.

**(OR)**

b) What are the useful guidelines to write a successful précis?

13. a) Write a brief note on the ways to improve vocabulary.

**(OR)**

b) Discuss briefly about the ways to enhance reading skills.

14. a) Rewrite the passage by adding suitable prefix or suffix to the words given in the brackets:

-tion            -ly                            im-            -ful    re-    -y    -able

\_\_\_\_ (proper) garbage disposal can cause \_\_\_\_ (contaminate) of subterranean water sources. Relocating garbage dumps doesn't \_\_\_\_ (necessary) solve this incredibly \_\_\_\_ (harm) problem. Laws preceding the \_\_\_\_ (discover) of this problem were \_\_\_\_ (predict) in terms of garbage disposal. Since the discovery, authorities have proceeded to toughen these laws and have injected funds to \_\_\_\_ (evaluate) ongoing practices.

(OR)

b) Write a paragraph on improving interview performance.

15. a) A friend wants to spend a two-week holiday in your area and has written asking for information.

Write a letter to your friend.

(OR)

b) How to excel in a group discussion?

### PART - C

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

(3X10=30)

16. Define all kinds of nouns and give suitable examples.

17. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. Each question carries two marks.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a Professor of Physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never

became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

1. Marie had a bright mind and a \_\_\_ personality.  
a) Strong                      b) Light-hearted                      c) Humorous                      d) Strange
2. When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, she felt \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Hopeless                      b) Annoyed                      c) Depressed                      d) Worried
3. Marie \_\_\_\_\_ by leaving Poland and travelling to France to enter the Sorbonne.  
a) Challenged authority                      b) Showed intelligence  
c) Behaved                      d) Was distressed
4. Her \_\_\_\_\_ began to fade when she returned to the Sorbonne to succeed her husband.  
a) Misfortune                      b) Anger                      c) Wretchedness                      d) Disappointment
5. Even though she became fatally ill from working with radium, Marie Curie was never \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Troubled                      b) Worried                      c) Disappointed                      d) Sorrowful
18. Compile a resume of your own, including all the necessary details, in the prescribed format.
19. Write a model cover letter as a fresh graduate to apply for any specific job of your choice.
20. Write a group discussion on "The Impact of Social Media".