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5D01(01) ENG : ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS**

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 20

I. Write an essay in **150** words on **one** of the following : (1×5=5)

1. The uses of articles in English.
2. Explain the major tenses in English.

II. Answer **any one** of the following as directed: (1×3=3)

3. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the box to fill in the blanks below.  
(bring out, cried out, came down with, call up)
  - a) My grandfather cannot \_\_\_\_\_ past events.
  - b) The publishers are planning to \_\_\_\_\_ a cheap edition of their dictionary .
  - c) They \_\_\_\_\_ against the gross injustice meted out to them.

4. Read the following passage and answer **any three** of the following questions :

One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in industries and in universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed into service of man. We are heading fast towards the day when a computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In the future, 'automation' may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.

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Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrite, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be "controlled by machines". Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate. They can never, as it were, lead independent lives or "rule the world" by making decisions of their own.

Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed that it would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Then ordinary people would be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

- a) What complicated works are computers capable of doing ?
- b) Why can't computers lead independent lives or rule the world ?
- c) What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in the future ?
- d) How can computers help people going on holiday ?

III. Answer **any twelve** of the following questions as directed :

(12×1=12)

5. Twenty minutes \_\_\_\_\_ all I have to prepare for the meeting. (is, are, were)  
[Choose the correct form from the bracket.]
6. She is \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian. You won't get \_\_\_\_\_ meat at his house.  
[Use articles, if necessary, to fill in the blanks.]
7. Indians \_\_\_\_\_ (had fought/fought) a long struggle before they \_\_\_\_\_  
(had attained/attained) independence.  
[Choose the correct tense form from the brackets.]
8. My grandmother is eighty-five, but she \_\_\_\_\_ still read and write without  
glasses.  
[Fill in the blank by using the correct modal.]
9. The lion was killed \_\_\_\_\_ the hunter \_\_\_\_\_ a sword.  
[Fill in the blanks by using suitable prepositions.]



10. I'm never on time, \_\_\_\_\_  
[Add a suitable question tag.]
11. I dont like this one bit said Julia  
[Punctuate properly.]
12. The scissors is kept on the table.  
[Correct the sentence, if required.]
13. Give synonyms of the following words by choosing the right one from the brackets :
  - a) Attain (forgive, remain, achieve, fortune)
  - b) Vast (swelling, boundless, cramped, genius)
14. Reorder the following jumbled sentence :  
much/want/have/l/time/as/free/l/as.
15. Give antonym of the following words by choosing the right one from the brackets :
  - a) Expire (condone, hinge, commence, finish)
  - b) Peril (safety, dire, sympathy, irrational)
16. Make sentence using the following idiom :  
'once in a bluemoon'.
17. The stool was not sturdy enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the big fat guy.  
(bear up, bear down on, bear on, break in on).  
[Fill in the blank by using the correct phrasal verb.]
18. Complete the following collocation :  
\_\_\_\_\_ a home.  
  
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