

# English, Paper 1

Time: 2 hrs 45 mins

Marks: 40

## PART-A

1. Read the following passage.

"They'll be very small for me, my dear."

(Dear Departed - I)

Now, answer the following questions.

3×1=3

- (a) Who is the speaker of the above words?
- (b) Who is he/she speaking to?
- (c) What does the word 'they' refer to?

**Solution:**

- (a) The speaker of the above words is Abel Merryweather.
- (b) He is speaking to Mrs. Slater.
- (c) The word 'they' refers to the pair of slippers.

2. Read the following passage.

The forested mountains were the source of water and the source of rain, so when you deforest, you cause a shortage of water and a change of rainfall patterns and therefore people are not able to get food and water.

(Environment)

Now, answer the following questions.

2×1=2

- (a) What were the source of water and rain?
- (b) What is the effect of deforestation?

**Solution:**

- (a) The forested mountains were the source of water and rain.
- (b) Deforestation causes a shortage of water, changes rainfall patterns, and leads to a lack of food and water for people.

3. Read the following passage.

Oh, Grandpa, I'm so glad, you're not dead.

(Dear Departed - II)

Now, answer the following questions.

3×1=3

- (a) Who is the speaker of the above words?
- (b) Who is referred to as 'Grandpa'?
- (c) Why is the speaker glad?

**Solution:**

- (a) The speaker of the above words is Victoria Slater.
- (b) 'Grandpa' refers to Abel Merryweather.
- (c) The speaker is glad because she thought her grandpa was dead, but he was actually alive.

4. Read the following lines.

And I have learned too  
to laugh with only my teeth  
and shake hands without my heart.  
I have also learned to say, 'Goodbye'.

(Once upon a Time)

Now, answer the following questions.

2×1=2

- (a) What has the speaker learned?
- (b) How does the speaker shake hand?

**Solution:**

(a) The speaker has learned to laugh without genuine emotion and to say goodbye insincerely.

(b) The speaker shakes hands without sincerity, only as a formality, without involving his heart.

5. Read the following passage.

He became a pioneer of India's software industry and started the Information Technology wave. Today he has become an icon of simplicity, uncompromising quality and fairness, apart from being a philanthropist.

(I Will Do It)

Now, answer the following questions.

3×1=3

- (a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
- (b) Who is the pioneer mentioned here?
- (c) What kind of qualities does he have?

**Solution:**

(a) The speaker of the above lines is the narrator of the lesson.

(b) The pioneer mentioned here is Narayana Murthy.

(c) He possesses qualities like simplicity, uncompromising quality, fairness, and philanthropy.

6. Read the following passage.

The friend did indeed give her a new life

(What Is My Name?)

Now, answer the questions.

2×1=2

- (a) Who is referred to as 'The friend' in the above passage?
- (b) Who got a new life?

**Solution:**

(a) 'The friend' refers to the woman's childhood friend.

(b) The housewife got a new life.

7. You have read the lesson "Dear Departed". Imagine you were Abel. You met your friend Tattersall. You wanted to tell him why you are going to get married at this age.

Now write a possible conversation between you and Tattersall.

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OR

Describe your feelings about the film "Maya Bazaar".

**Solution:**

**Conversation between Abel and Tattersall**

**Tattersall:** Abel, my friend! I heard you're getting married again. At your age? What's the matter with you?

**Abel:** Ah, Tattersall! You won't believe what my own daughters did. They were just waiting for me to die so they could grab my belongings!

**Tattersall:** That's shocking! But marriage? At this age?

**Abel:** Why not? I need someone who truly cares for me, not just my money. If my own daughters don't respect me, I'd rather start fresh with someone who will.

**Tattersall:** Well, I must say, you do have a point. I hope you find the happiness you deserve.

**Abel:** Thank you, old friend! This time, I'll make sure I live for myself.

8. Imagine you were Narayana Murthy. Your father refused to send you to IIT. Now write a diary entry of the day you were refused.

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OR

You have read the poem "Or will the Dreamer Wake?"

You came to the conclusion that many species of animals and birds were on the verge of extinction.

Now, prepare a script for speech that you would like to make regarding this topic on the occasion of 'Environment Day'.

**Solution:**

**Diary Entry - The Day My IIT Dream Shattered**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February

Today was one of the most disappointing days of my life. I was overjoyed when I cleared the IIT entrance exam, but my happiness was short-lived. Father refused to send me to IIT, saying he couldn't afford it. I tried to convince him, but he remained firm.

I understand his struggles, yet it hurts to see my dreams slipping away. But I won't let this setback define me. I will work even harder and prove that success is not limited to IIT. One day, I will make a difference in the world of technology.

Narayana Murthy

## PART-B

9. Edit the following passage, correcting the underlined parts.

5×0.5=2.5

We are a part of an(a) Earth and it is a part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters, the deer, the horse, the great eagle, these are his (b) brothers. The rocky crests, the juices in the meadows, the body hot (c) of the pony, and the man, all belong to the same family. So when the Great chief in Washington sends word that he wish (d) to buy our land, he asks much to(e) us.

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) \_\_\_\_\_

**Solution:**

- (a) the  
 (b) our  
 (c) heat  
 (d) wishes  
 (e) from

10. Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the correct options given against the number of blanks.

5×0.5=2.5

In the city of Ujjain, there was a young merchant named Madanaka. He \_\_\_\_\_ (1) his father when he was \_\_\_\_\_ (2) his teens. So, it was his mother \_\_\_\_\_ (3) brought him up with great affection \_\_\_\_\_ (4) love. Unfortunately, he turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_ (5) vagabond.

1. (A) lose (B) losing (C) lost (D) loose  
 2. (A) on (B) in (C) with (D) at  
 3. (A) which (B) whose (C) who (D) that  
 4. (A) or (B) and (C) but (D) if  
 5. (A) a (B) the (C) an (D) same

**Solution:**

- (1) (C) lost  
 (2) (B) in  
 (3) (C) who  
 (4) (B) and  
 (5) (A) a

11. Combine the following two sentences with 'who'  
 Roberge found Ray. Ray was in a disturbed mood.

**Solution:**

Roberge found Ray, who was in a disturbed mood.

12. Change the following into Passive Voice.  
Nick and Kanae wrote an inspirational book.

**Solution:**

An inspirational book was written by Nick and Kanae.

13. Change the following into Reported Speech.  
Gandhiji declared, "Indians will build their own India".

**Solution:**

Gandhiji declared that Indians would build their own India.

14. Combine the following sentences using 'As'.  
Father had never worn shoes. His feet developed cracks.

**Solution:**

As Father had never worn shoes, his feet developed cracks.

15. Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions given in brackets.

2×0.5=1

(a) Madhu got a good job \_\_\_\_\_ his own abilities and skills. (instead of/by means of)

(b) They may feel jealous \_\_\_\_\_ your success. (with/of)

**Solution:**

(a) by means of

(b) of

16. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of Verbs given in brackets.

2×0.5=1

I finally \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go to my work place, as marriage \_\_\_\_\_ (increase) my responsibilities.

**Solution:**

I finally **decided** (decide) to go to my workplace, as marriage **had increased** (increase) my responsibilities.

17. Your friend is becoming fat.

Advise him to do yoga.

**Solution:**

You should start doing yoga regularly; it will help you stay fit and healthy.

18. Change the following into a polite request.

You to a shopkeeper: Give me a kilo rice.

**Solution:**

Could you please give me a kilo of rice?

19. Your friend is attending an interview. What would you say to him?

Put a (✓) mark against the right answer.

- (a) Congrats [ ]
- (b) I am happy [ ]
- (c) Very good [ ]
- (d) All the best [ ]

**Solution:**

- (d) All the best [✓]

20. What do the following sentences mean?

Put a tick (✓) mark against the right answer.

(i) We are going to see a picture now. Aren't we?

- (a) Advice [ ]
- (b) Question [ ]
- (c) Confirmation [ ]
- (d) Request [ ]

(ii) It may rain.

- (a) Expressing possibility [ ]
- (b) Expressing inability [ ]
- (c) Expressing confirmation [ ]
- (d) Expressing wish [ ]

**Solution:**

- (i) (b) Question [✓]
- (ii) (a) Expressing possibility [✓]

## English, Paper 2

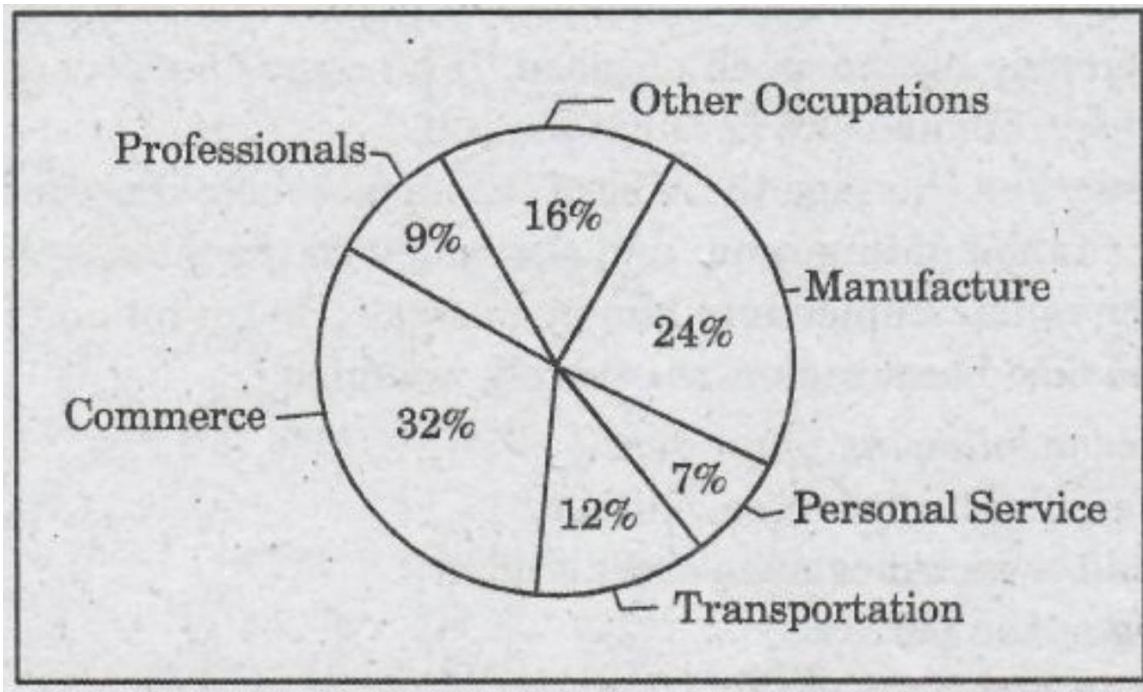
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### PART-A

Q.1. Study the following Pie chart carefully. The Pie chart given below represents the portion of wage earners engaged in various types of occupations in a city.

5×1=5



Now, answer the following questions.

- What does the Pie chart show?
- What is the percentage of professionals in the city?
- Who occupies 32 percent of wage earners in the city?
  - Professionals
  - Commerce
  - Transportation
- The least percentage of wage earners are .
  - Manufacture
  - Other occupations
  - Personal service
- Which is the correct statement among the following?
  - The second highest wage earners next to commerce are manufacture.
  - The other occupation wage earners are 12%.
  - Personal service and professionals occupy the same percent of manufacture.

**Solution:**

- The pie chart shows the portion of wage earners engaged in various types of occupations in a city.
- 9%
- (ii) commerce
- (iii) Personal service
- (i) The second highest wage earners next to commerce are manufacture.

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully.

One day while a sage was going through a jungle, he saw two rams fighting each other. Eventhough both were wounded, and blood was oozing out from their heads and bodies, they did not stop fighting and rammed at each other. At the same time a hungry jackal was passing by. When he saw all the blood, he started licking the blood from the ground without caring for the fighting rams. Watching all this, the sage thought to himself, "This jackal is a fool as it has become greedy by the smell of blood. If he comes between the fighting rams, it will get rammed and get hurt himself."

No sooner had the sage thought of it, the jackal craving for more blood came nearer to the fighting rams, and got caught in the middle of their fight. Both the rams rammed into him by mistake. He got hit on his head and fell down and died because he was severely wounded. Now, answer the following questions.

5×1=5

- (a) Who were fighting with each other?
- (b) Why did the jackal come nearer to them?
- (c) Looking at the blood
  - (i) the rams stopped their fight.
  - (ii) the sage fell down.
  - (iii) the jackal started licking.
- (d) The result of the fight was
  - (i) the two rams died.
  - (ii) the sage died.
  - (iii) the jackal died.
- (e) Choose the correct statement from the following.
  - (i) The sage thought that the two rams would die if they continued their fight.
  - (ii) The sage thought that if the jackal came nearer to the rams, they would stop their fight.
  - (iii) The sage thought that if the jackal came between the fighting rams, it would get rammed and get hurt himself.

**Solution:**

- (a) The two rams were fighting with each other.
- (b) The jackal came nearer to them because he was greedy for more blood.
- (c) (iii) the jackal started licking.
- (d) (iii) the jackal died.
- (e) (iii) The sage thought that if the jackal came between the fighting rams, it would get rammed and get hurt himself.

Q.3. Read the following passage carefully.

Ram Nath Kovind was born on 1<sup>st</sup> October in the year 1945. He was born and brought up in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He practised in Delhi High Court for long 16 years as a professional lawyer before he walked into the world of Indian Politics in the year 1994. He was elected as an MP of Rajya Sabha in 1994 and also again in 2002. In 2015, he became the Governor of Bihar. Ram Nath Kovind was picked as



the NDA candidate for the position of the 14<sup>th</sup> President of India on June 19, 2017. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 he was declared the 14<sup>th</sup> President of India. Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order:

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- (a) He became an NDA candidate for the position of President.
- (b) He became 14<sup>th</sup> President of India.
- (c) He worked as the Governor of Bihar.
- (d) He was brought up in UP.
- (e) He worked as a lawyer in High Court.

**Solution:**

The correct order is:

- (d) He was brought up in UP.
- (e) He worked as a lawyer in High Court.
- (c) He worked as the Governor of Bihar.
- (a) He became an NDA candidate for the position of President.
- (b) He became the 14<sup>th</sup> President of India.

Q.4. With the advent of plastic, a new and powerful enemy of environment has been born. For convenience - crazy humanity, plastic is a great boon, but for the environment, it is a menace. Tonnes of plastic waste litter the streets, choke drains, and pollute the environment. Waste plastic in rubbish dumps and land fill sites is causing the death of many animals. Plastic debris floats in the sea and endangers sea birds.

(a) Now, write a letter to the Editor of Deccan Chronicle, protesting against the growing plastic menace and giving suggestions about dealing with plastic waste using the information given.

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OR

(b) Now, imagine you are a journalist of a newspaper. Write a news report about the growing plastic menace and suggest a few measures for stopping the usage of plastic.

**Solution:**

(a)  
Madhapur  
Hyderabad, 500081  
12<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

The Editor,  
Deccan Chronicle,  
Hyderabad

Subject: Concern Over Growing Plastic Menace

Respected Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my concern over the increasing plastic pollution that is wreaking havoc on our environment. While plastic offers convenience, its indiscriminate use has led to clogged drains, littered streets, and severe threats to wildlife. Animals suffer due to plastic waste in landfills, and marine life is endangered by floating plastic debris.

To combat this menace, strict regulations on plastic production and disposal must be enforced. Promoting biodegradable alternatives, encouraging recycling, and spreading awareness about responsible plastic use can make a difference.

Authorities and citizens must work together to ensure a cleaner, safer environment.

I hope my concerns find space in your esteemed newspaper to spread awareness on this urgent issue.

Yours sincerely,  
Mohan Reddy

Q.5. (a) Write a biographical sketch of Mahanati Savitri using the information given below.

#### Savitri

Born	December 6, 1937, Guntur District
Education	Third form, Vijayawada
Spouse	Gemini Ganesan
Children	Vijaya Chamundeswari,
	Satish Kumar Ganesan
Debut Film	Agnipareeksha
Career	Nearly 300 films; 30 year long; Acted in
	Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Hindi films.
Milestone in her career :	Chivaraku Migiledi
Memorable Performances :	Missamma, Devadasu, Maya Bazaar, etc.
Honours	Mahanati, Kalaimamani,
	Nadigayar Thilakam titles.

Awards	Presidential award for her
	performance in 'Chivaraku Migiledi'.
Died	December 26, 1981, Chennai.

OR

(b) Write a story using the following hints.

A rich farmer - lot of land - cattle and servants - two sons - happy life - after some years - younger son - unhappy - asked for his share of the property - wouldn't listen to father's advice - got his share - sold them all - went away to another country - fell into bad ways - soon all money gone - poor - no one to help him - understood his mistake.

**Solution:**

**(a) Biographical Sketch of Mahanati Savitri**

Savitri, fondly known as Mahanati, was born on December 6, 1937, in Guntur District. She pursued her education up to Third Form in Vijayawada.

She made her debut in the film Agnipareeksha and went on to have a glorious career spanning 30 years, acting in nearly 300 films across Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi cinema. One of the milestones in her career was Chivaraku Migiledi, while her memorable performances include Missamma, Devadasu, and Maya Bazaar.

She was honoured with titles like Mahanati, Kalaimamani, and Nadigayar Thilakam. She also received the Presidential Award for her outstanding performance in Chivaraku Migiledi.

Savitri was married to Gemini Ganesan and had two children, Vijaya Chamundeswari and Satish Kumar Ganesan. She passed away on December 26, 1981, in Chennai, leaving behind an unforgettable legacy in Indian cinema.

## PART - B

Q.6. Read the following paragraph and write the 'synonyms' of the underlined words choosing from the words given in the box.

small, pebbles, uneven, trouble, exhausted, fast.
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4×0.5=2

Having walked fast I was tired (a). Moreover, I had to cross two hills on the way up to the spot. I quickly (b) sat down on a rock. My father laughed at my plight (c). 'So this little (d) distance has tired you? Rest for a while. But we have to be in time for the bus.'

**Solution:**

(a) tired - exhausted

(b) quickly - fast

- (c) plight – trouble
- (d) little - small

Q.7. Read the paragraph and write the 'antonyms' of the underlined words.

4×0.5=2

The Second World War broke out in 1939, when I was eight years old. For reasons I have never been able (a) to understand, a sudden (b) demand for tamarind seeds erupted in the market. I used to collect (c) the seeds and sell (d) them to a provision shop on Mosque Street.

**Solution:**

- (a) able – unable
- (b) sudden – expected
- (c) collect – disperse
- (d) sell – buy

Q.8. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the words given in brackets.

4×0.5=2

For me, my ..... (greater / greatest) activity is to plant a tree. I think that a tree is a ..... (wonderful/wonderfully) ..... (symbol/symbolic) for the ..... (environment/environmental) and when we plant a tree we plant hope.

**Solution:**

For me, my **greatest** activity is to plant a tree. I think that a tree is a **wonderful symbol** for the **environment**, and when we plant a tree, we plant hope.

Q.9. Complete the spelling of the words with ou, ee, ea, ia.

2×0.5=1

- (a) In fact, I would say mine was a very secure childhood, both mater\_\_ lly and emotionally.
- (b) She is a vigor \_\_ s, plump, red-faced, vulgar woman prepared to do any amount of straight talking to get her own way.

**Solution:**

- (a) materially
- (b) vigorous

Q.10. Complete the words with correct suffixes given in brackets.  $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$

- (a) He has visited differ \_\_\_\_ (ant/ent) countries all over the world.
- (b) It was through me that they had earned a greater degree of admira \_\_\_\_ (sion/ tion) and respect from the villagers.

**Solution:**

- (a) different
- (b) admiration

Q.11. Find the wrongly spelt word and write its correct spelling.  $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$

- (a) biological, establish, difficult, compitent.

(b) cinema, fascinating, acquainted, aloof

**Solution:**

(a) compitent – competent

(b) acquainted - acquainted

Q.12. Arrange the following words under correct headings.

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syllabus, bases, crisis, datum, erratum, media, fungi, feet.

Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

**Solution:**

Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns
1. syllabus	1. bases
2. crisis	2. media
3. datum	3. fungi
4. erratum	4. feet

Q.13. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own.

(a) phrasal verb: come across

(b) Idiomatic expression: on purpose

(c) Binomial expression: part and parcel

(d) Foreign expression: magnum opus

**Solution:**

(a) Come across – I came across an old diary while cleaning my room.

(b) On purpose – He spilled the water on purpose to annoy his sister.

(c) Part and parcel – Hard work is part and parcel of success.

(d) Magnum opus – The Mona Lisa is considered Leonardo da Vinci’s magnum opus.

Q.14. Match the following one word substitutes with their meanings.

4×0.5=2

Part - A	Part -B
1. Pioneer	(A) one who is responsible for a crime.
2. Stop over	(B) one who can advise others.
3. Polyglot	(C) one who can't be corrected.
4. Culprit	(D) one who is the first to work in a particular area of knowledge.
	(E) one who knows many languages.
	(F) a short stay between two places in one's journey.

**Solution:**

Pioneer – (D) One who is the first to work in a particular area of knowledge.  
Stop over – (F) A short stay between two places in one's journey.  
Polyglot – (E) One who knows many languages.  
Culprit – (A) One who is responsible for a crime.

