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General English - II

Grade :- 13 (2015)

Time :- 2.30 hours

Part - A - Vocabulary

1) Use one of the words below to complete the sentence: (20 marks)

Useful, Useless, Helpful, Helpless, Careful, Careless, Thoughtful, Thoughtless, Hopeful, Hopeless

- a) What a nice present! That was very _____ of you!
- b) I don't want to be a _____ case!
- c) He is very _____ and should never drive.
- d) It's _____ to know the news if you don't analyze it critically.
- e) I had to reorganize my books. I'm glad Daniel was so _____ and did some of the work for me.
- f) A cell phone can be very _____ if you have an unexpected problem on the road.
- g) Be _____ when you open this book. It's very old and it could fall apart.
- h) My girlfriend is furious because of something _____ I said to her.
- i) The soccer team has lost some games but they're still _____. They think they can win the championship.
- j) If you sometimes feel lonely and _____, a good friend will make a big difference.

2) Use five of the following words in sentences to bring out their meaning. You may use the verb in any tense. (10 marks)

Pretend / Exhaust / celebrate / intend / industrious / cheap / eligible / ultimately / furthermore / decentralize / devolve / absolute /

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3) **Read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word using cross sentence clues or your prior knowledge. Then, explain the meaning of the word. (15 marks)**

- 1) **unpleasant:** Risvi felt that Ms.Jean was much more **unpleasant** than usual and he suspected that she did not have her coffee this morning.
- 2) **remedy:** The richest man in town was losing his hearing and he offered a large reward to anyone who could find a **remedy** for his condition.
- 3) **quarrel:** Mr.Suresh was sick of **quarreling** with his wife about money when all he wanted to do was enjoy her company.
- 4) **conclude:** After finding crumbs all over Muhilini's bed, Mom **concluded** that the dog had eaten the cookies.
- 5) **enormous:** After taking the final exam, Thushiyantini felt as though an **enormous** burden had been lifted.
- 6) **dispute:** My father and Mr.Niranjan, our neighbour, have had a **dispute** as to the property line separating our two houses ever since Mr.Niranjan planned to build a fence.
- 7) **involuntary:** As a student serving a detention, Diluxana's participation on the school cleanup crew was **involuntary**, unlike Sampavi, who genuinely wanted to make the school a better place.
- 8) **native:** Unlike most of the University students, who came to Jaffna from many different parts of the Province and country to attend the university, Kalyani was a **native** of the town, born and raised.
- 9) **unresponsive:** After dropping his phone in the toilet, Robert repeatedly pressed and held the power button, but the device was **unresponsive**.
- 10) **glimpse:** When the teacher dropped her Marks sheet, Alex got a **glimpse** of the Marks sheet. Now he is sad because he thinks that he saw "F" next to his name.

Part - B - Dialogues

1) Select a suitable response from the given responses.

(10 marks)

1. Patient

I have had sleep disorder for nearly 3 months.

Doctor

Patient

No, I wanted to see a doctor first.

Doctor

You did the right thing. Now I will give you some pills for that.

- a) Have you done anything about it?
- b) Why didn't you see a doctor immediately after this complication started?
- c) Do you know what I should do about it?
- d) Did you have this complaint last time you came to me?
- e) Your situation is really serious so you should immediately start getting professional help.

2. Aasha

You haven't been looking so well recently. Anything wrong?

Sasha

Yes. Yesterday I had to take my mother to hospital due to high blood sugar.

Aasha

Sasha

Not really. All she has to do is to follow a strict diet.

- a) It is not a very serious illness. You don't need to worry.
- b) I hope she is fine now. Please let me know how she is when she is back from hospital.
- c) Oh God! How is she right now? Anything serious?
- d) I told her that she had to be careful with what she ate but she never listened to me.
- e) I am sorry I didn't know. Is she OK now?

3. **Henry**

Are we supposed to hand in our assignments by Friday?

Ashley

No, we have time until the end of this month. Have you finished it yet?

Henry

Ashley

Neither have I. I really don't know what to do.

- a) I am sorry I didn't know. Is she OK now?
- b) Yes, I didn't sleep last night in order to complete it.
- c) I am nearly done but I still need some help for the cover.
- d) I didn't even know about it until yesterday. I found out when John talked to me about it.
- e) You never change. You always do your work on the last day, don't you?

4. **Brad**

Do you remember when Roshany's birthday is?

Steward

Brad

I hope it is not past yet; she would never forgive us if we forgot it.

Stewart

You are absolutely right, let me check my calendar.

- a) Yes, I do. it was last month and we had a party for her.
- b) Don't worry. You have ten more days before her birthday.
- c) Not exactly, but as far as I remember it must be close.
- d) What do you have to do with her birthday? You are not even friends
- e) Don't tell me you have forgotten to celebrate her birthday.

5.

Antonio

What do you think of the recent developments in the economy?

Julia

Antonio

Don't you? The inflation has recently reached its highest level in the nation's history.

Julia

But it is not surprising for such a bad economy management as ours.

- a) I don't think there is a problem. We are the best when it is economy management.
- b) Everything seems to be alright but I don't think I am good at economic comments.
- c) I think unless they take some precautions, it will really be a hard year for most of us.
- d) I am so busy with my work that I don't have time to watch news at all and I have no idea what's going on lately.
- e) I am the last one to ask such a question as I hate economics.

Part C Comprehension

- **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (15 Marks)**

TV

Televisions show sounds and pictures. They get data from cables, discs, or over-the-air signals. They turn this data into sounds and images. People watch news and shows on them. You probably call them TVs.

John Baird made the first TV in 1925. It had one color. It could only show 30 lines. This was just enough room for a face. It didn't work well, but it was a start.

The first TV station was set up in 1928. It was in New York. Few people had TVs. The broadcasts were not meant to be watched. They showed a Felix the Cat doll for two hours a day. The doll spun around on a record player. They were experimenting. It took many years to get it right.

By the end of the 1930s, TVs were working well. America got its first taste at the 1939 World's Fair. This was one of the biggest events ever. There were 200 small, black and white TVs set up around the fair. The U.S. President gave a speech over the TVs. The TVs were only five inches big but the people loved it.

They wanted TVs. But World War II was going on during this time. Factories were busy making guns and bombs. When the war was over, TV spread across the country.

By 1948 there were 4 big TV networks in America. They aired their shows from 8 to 11 each night. Local shows were aired at other times. Most of the time, nothing was shown at all. TV was not "always on" like it is now.

Color TVs came out in 1953. They cost too much money for most. Also, shows were aired in black and white. By 1965, color TVs were cheaper. TV stations started airing shows in color. People had to switch if they wanted to see the shows.

Now most TVs are high-def. This means that they have many lines on them. This makes the image clear. TVs have come a long way since Baird's 30 line set. High-def TVs have 1080 lines. There are state of the art sets called 4K TVs. These TVs have 3,840 lines. Some people watch TV in 3D. I wonder what they will come up with next. Smell-o-vision anyone?

1. When did color TVs come out?

- a. 1925
- b. 1953
- c. 1939
- d. 1965

2. Which was not true about the first TV?

- a. It could only show one color.
- b. It only had 30 lines.
- c. It did not have sound.
- d. It did not work well.

3. When did networks start showing programs in color?

- a. 1948
- b. 1953
- c. 1965
- d. 1939

4. Why did the first TV station only show Felix the Cat for two hours a day?

- a. They were running tests.
- b. Felix the Cat was really popular.
- c. Felix the Cat had been a big radio star
- d. Felix the Cat was the only show that they had.

- 5. Which of these events slowed the spread of TVs?**
- a. The World's Fair of 1939
 - b. The Civil War
 - c. The election of the U.S. President
 - d. World War II
- 6. What is the author's main purpose in writing this?**
- a. He is trying to explain how a TV works
 - b. He is telling readers how TVs became popular.
 - c. He is describing the history of the TV
 - d. He is trying to get people to watch more TV.
- 7. Why did many families switch to color TVs in 1965?**
- a. Color TVs cost a lot of money.
 - b. Many shows were only shown in color.
 - c. Color TVs came out in 1965.
 - d. World War II ended and troops returned home.
- 8. Why was 1939 an important year for TV?**
- a. Many Americans were introduced to TV
 - b. The first color TV was released.
 - c. The first TV station began broadcasting.
 - d. John Baird created the first TV.
- 9. How many lines does a 4K TV have?**
- a. 30
 - b. 1,080
 - c. 4,000
 - d. 3,840
- 10. Which happened first?**
- a. The 1939 World's Fair
 - b. The release of high-def TVs
 - c. The end of World War II
 - d. The release of color TVs

