



# G.C.E. A/L Examination March - 2016

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**General English**

Time :- Three hours

1. Put in the correct preposition ( Marks 20x1= 20)
  - 1) Stop worrying .....your exam - everything will be fine.
  - 2) I've waited .....Judy for 30 minutes. I'm going home.
  - 3) Stop talking and concentrate .....your work.
  - 4) Don't forget to pay .....the newspaper.
  - 5) He explained the computer program .....me.
  - 6) I don't know what we'll do at the weekend. It depends .....the weather.
  - 7) She will arrive .....Colombo at 3pm.
  - 8) I like to listen .....the radio when I wake up.
  - 9) He borrowed Rs20,000/= .....his brother.
  - 10) Who does this coat belong .....?
  - 11) She left without paying .....the meal.
  - 12) It was so hot I couldn't concentrate .....my book.
  - 13) Mothers always worry .....their children.
  - 14) Please explain the meaning of this word .....your classmates.
  - 15) I'm fed up of waiting .....spring.
  - 16) That car belongs .....my father.
  - 17) She listens .....opera on the tube.
  - 18) Which university you go to depends .....your exam results.
  - 19) A lot of people borrow money .....the bank.
  - 20) When she arrived ..... the pub, it was already closed.

## Answers

- 1) Stop worrying .....your exam - everything will be fine.  
**about**
- 2) I've waited .....Judy for 30 minutes. I'm going home. **for**
- 3) Stop talking and concentrate .....your work. **on**
- 4) Don't forget to pay .....the newspaper. **for**
- 5) He explained the computer program .....me. **to**
- 6) I don't know what we'll do at the weekend. It depends .....the weather. **on**

- 7) She will arrive .....Bejing at 3pm. **in**
- 8) I like to listen .....the radio when I wake up. **to**
- 9) He borrowed Rs20,000/= .....his brother. **from**
- 10) Who does this coat belong . **to**
- 11) She left without paying  the meal. **for**
- 12) It was so hot I couldn't concentrate  my book. **on**
- 13) Mothers always worry  their children. **about**
- 14) Please explain the meaning of this word  your classmates. **to**
- 15) I'm fed up of waiting  spring. **for**
- 16) That car belongs  my father. **to**
- 17) She listens  opera on the tube. **to**
- 18) Which university you go to depends  your exam results. **on**
- 19) A lot of people borrow money  the bank. **from**
- 20) When she arrived  the pub, it was already closed. **at**

2. **Complete the following sentences using an appropriate tense form. ( Marks 10x1=10)**

1. I ..... here since morning.

- a) ..... am ..... waiting
- b) ..... have ..... been ..... waiting
- c) had been waiting

2. It ..... raining since yesterday.

- a) ..... hasn't ..... stopped
- b) ..... didn't ..... stop
- c) hadn't

3. I ..... interested in metaphysics.

- a) I **am** **always** **been** waiting here since morning.  
 b) I **have** **always** **been** waiting here since morning.  
 c) I **had** **always** **been** waiting here since morning.

4. They ..... in this street for twenty years.

- a) They **have** **lived** in this street for twenty years.  
 b) They **have** **been** living in this street for twenty years.  
 c) Either could be used here

5. I ..... to a foreign country.

- a) I **am** **never** **gone** to a foreign country.  
 b) I **have** **never** **been** to a foreign country.  
 c) I **was** **never** **gone** to a foreign country.

6. Where ..... the sun rise?

- a) The sun **does** rise in the east.  
 b) The sun **do** rise in the east.  
 c) The sun **had** rise in the east.

7. I ..... Susie Monday.

- a) I **see** Susie Monday.  
 b) I **am** **seeing** Susie Monday.  
 c) Either could be used here

8. We ..... the money on the 15th.

- a) We **are** **needing** the money on the 15th.  
 b) We **will** **need** the money on the 15th.  
 c) Either could be used here

9. 'There is the doorbell.' 'I .....

- a) I **am** **going** to the doorbell.  
 b) I **will** **go** to the doorbell.  
 c) Either could be used here

10. She ..... half of her time traveling.

- a) She **spends** half of her time traveling.  
 b) She **is** **spending** half of her time traveling.  
 c) Either could be used here

**Answers**

1. I **have** **been** **waiting** here since morning.  
 2. It **hasn't** **stopped** raining since yesterday.  
 3. I **have** **always** **been** interested in metaphysics.  
 4. They **have** **lived** / **have** **been** **living** in this street for twenty years.  
 5. I **have** **never** **been** to a foreign country.

6. Where **does** the sun rise?  
 7. I **am seeing** Susie Monday.  
 8. We **will need** the money on the 15th.  
 9. 'There is the doorbell.' 'I **will go.**'  
 10. She **spends** half of her time traveling.

**3. Fill in the blanks with suitable words given below in the box (Marks 20x1=20)**

Long ago people knew very little about the world. The **1** was thought to be flat. Hence, if a person **2** long enough in one direction, he would finally **3** the edge of the world and **4** off.

Today, we **5** that the earth is not a flat rectangular block; it is round. We owe **6** knowledge to the explorers who made long voyages to find **7** routes and discover new lands. They **8** accurate records of the oceans they **9** and the strange lands they visited. From these records, they drew up a map **10** the world. In this way, they ended **11** belief of a flat world.

Though we know the earth **12** better today, the spirit of exploration has not as a result come to an end. The **13** for adventure, the urge to set foot **14** a wild shore and the curiosity for far-flung **15** are still alive. Besides, not all places on earth have been fully **16**. Places like deserts, mountains, oceans and polar regions **17** have secrets and mysteries to amaze **18** surprise us. It is fortunate for us that **19** are still many things to be discovered which **20** that the earth remains rich and wonderful.

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**ANSWERS**

1. earth 2. walked 3. reach 4. fall 5. know 6. this 7. new 8. kept 9. crossed 10. of 11. the 12. much 13. desire 14. on 15. places/lands 16. explored 17. still 18. and 19. there 20. means

Long ago people knew very little about the world. The **earth** was thought to be flat. Hence, if a person **walked** long enough in one direction, he would finally **reach** the edge of the world and **fall** off.

Today, we **know** that the earth is not a flat rectangular block; it is round. We owe **this** knowledge to the explorers who made long voyages to find **new** routes and discover new lands. They **kept** accurate records of the oceans they **crossed** and the strange lands they visited. From these records, they drew up a map **of** the world. In this way, they ended **the** belief of a flat world.

Though we know the earth **much** better today, the spirit of exploration has not as a result come to an end. The **desire** for adventure, the urge to set foot **on** a wild shore and the curiosity for far-flung **places/lands** are still alive. Besides, not all places on earth have been fully **explored**. Places like deserts, mountains, oceans and polar regions **still** have secrets and mysteries to amaze **and** surprise us. It is fortunate for us that **there** are still many things to be discovered which **means** that the earth remains rich and wonderful.

**4. Read the passage and answer the questions (Marks 10x2=20)**

	The Alaska pipeline starts at the frozen edge of the Arctic Ocean.
	It stretches southward across the largest and northernmost state in
	the United States, ending at a remote ice-free seaport village nearly
<i>Line</i>	800 miles from where it begins. It is massive in size and extremely
(5)	complicated to operate.
	The steel pipe crosses windswept plains and endless miles of
	delicate tundra that tops the frozen ground. It weaves through
	crooked canyons, climbs sheer mountains, plunges over rocky
	craggs, makes its way through thick forests, and passes over or
(10)	under hundreds of rivers and streams. The pipe is 4 feet in diameter,
	and up to 2 million barrels (or 84 million gallons) of crude oil can
	be pumped through it daily.
	Resting on H-shaped steel racks called "bents," long sections of
	the pipeline follow a zigzag course high above the frozen earth.
(15)	Other long sections drop out of sight beneath spongy or rocky
	ground and return to the surface later on. The pattern of the
	pipeline's up-and-down route is determined by the often harsh
	demands of the arctic and subarctic climate, the tortuous lay of the
	land, and the varied compositions of soil, rock, or permafrost
(20)	(permanently frozen ground). A little more than half of the pipeline
	is elevated above the ground. The remainder is buried anywhere
	from 3 to 12 feet, depending largely upon the type of terrain and
	the properties of the soil.
	One of the largest in the world, the pipeline cost approximately
(25)	\$8 billion and is by far the biggest and most expensive construction
	project ever undertaken by private industry. In fact, no single
	business could raise that much money, so 8 major oil companies
	formed a consortium in order to share the costs. Each company
	controlled oil rights to particular shares of land in the oil fields and
(30)	paid into the pipeline-construction fund according to the size of its
	holdings. Today, despite enormous problems of climate, supply
	shortages, equipment breakdowns, labor disagreements, treacherous

terrain, a certain amount of mismanagement, and even theft, the

Alaska pipeline has been completed and is operating.

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## QUESTIONS

1. The passage primarily discusses the pipeline's
  1. operating costs
  2. employees
  3. consumers
  4. construction
2. The word "it" in line 4 refers to
  1. pipeline
  2. ocean
  3. state
  4. village
3. According to the passage, 84 million gallons of oil can travel through the pipeline each
  1. day
  2. week
  3. month
  4. year
4. The phrase "Resting on" in line 13 is closest in meaning to
  1. Consisting of
  2. Supported by
  3. Passing under
  4. Protected with
5. The author mentions all of the following as important in determining the pipeline's route EXCEPT the
  1. climate
  2. lay of the land itself
  3. local vegetation
  4. kind of soil and rock
6. The word "undertaken" in line 26 is closest in meaning to
  1. removed
  2. selected
  3. transported
  4. attempted
7. How many companies shared the costs of constructing the pipeline?
  1. 3
  2. 4
  3. 8
  4. 12
8. The word "particular" in line 29 is closest in meaning to
  1. peculiar
  2. specific
  3. exceptional
  4. equal

9. Which of the following determined what percentage of the construction costs each member of the consortium would pay?
1. How much oil field land each company owned
  2. How long each company had owned land in the oil fields
  3. How many people worked for each company
  4. How many oil wells were located on the company's land
10. Where in the passage does the author provide a term for an earth covering that always remains frozen?
1. Line 3
  2. Line 13
  3. Line 19
  4. Line 32

## ANSWERS

1. 4
2. 1
3. 1
4. 2
5. 3
6. 4
7. 3
8. 2
9. 1
10. 3

### 5. Complete the given conversation. (Marks 5x2= 10)

Ajanthi is at her friend Karan's party. Rohan comes to introduce himself.

Rohan: Hi, I'm Rohan. I'm a friend of Karan. Annie: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ Karan has told me a lot about you.

Rohan: You work with him, don't you? \_\_\_\_\_?

Ajanthi: I'm a nurse. \_\_\_\_\_?

Rohan: I work at a bank.

Ajanthi: \_\_\_\_\_?

Rohan: I'm from Chennai.

### Suggested solution

Ajanthi is at her friend Karan's party. Rohan comes to introduce himself.

Rohan: Hi, I'm Rohan. I'm a friend of Karan.

Ajanthi: Oh, nice to meet you. Karan has told me a lot about you.

Rohan: You work with him, don't you? What do you do?

Ajanthi: I'm a nurse. What about you?

Rohan: I work at a bank.

Ajanthi: Where are you from?

Rohan: I'm from Chennai.

6. Write an official letter to a person inviting him or her to be the chief guest at a function in your school. your letter should include the following ( Marks 10 marks)
  - a) Give a reason why you want this person to be the chief guest
  - b) Give details of the functions and its venue
  - c) request a reply in writing
  
7. Write an essay using about 200 words on the topic "VIOLENCE IN MODERN SOCIETY – CAUSES AND CURES" . Do not exceed the word limit. ( Marks 10 marks)

  
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