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End Semester Examinations– December 2023
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Semester: I
Subject Code: UG32T1101
Subject Name: ENGLISH

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Duration: 03 Hrs	Pass Marks: 35

General Instructions

- (i) All Sections (A, B & C) are to be attempted.
- (ii) Options, if any, are specified in respective section.

Section A

Ten MCQs/Fill in the Blanks of 01 Mark each – Choose the correct answer as applicable.

Answer the following questions as directed.

1. "Spelling"-(Add prefix to the word)
2. We are pleased to share excerpt from his new book. (Rewrite the given sentence by inserting an article/ articles)
3. The young are usually intolerant. (Identify the adjective in the sentence)
4. He is very good ____ writing emails. (Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition)
5. Haggles + tussles (Give the portmanteau word for the combination of words)
6. Ram works hard ____ his brother is lazy. (nor/as long as (choose a correct conjunction)
7. She didn't say when we could move in, ____? (Add a suitable question tag)
8. Desert, dessert (Give meanings for the given pair of words)
9. We dread Monday mornings. (Identify the noun in the sentence)
10. Seaside (Make an Anagram to the given word)

Section B

Five Questions of 02 Marks each

11. Whom does the author refer to as the 'World's Librarians' in the lesson 'The Google Guys'?
12. What does the old woman want from the narrator and why in the poem "An Old woman"?
13. What does the bird represent in the lesson 'The Bird'?
14. How did the old man punish the daughters for their greed in the lesson "The Dear Departed"?
15. What does the author mean by saying, 'Happiness is a choice'?

Section C

Seven Questions of 10 Marks each of which any 05 questions to be answered.

16. How does Abbas arouse the consciousness of his readers through the story 'The Refugee'?
17. Identify the theme of "The Postmaster" by Rabindranath Tagore that connects to the characterizations of Ratan and the postmaster.
18. How can the words "soul" and "gift" be interpreted in the poem "Gift" by Alice Walker?
19. Comment on the surprise element of the story and the twist at the end of the play "While the Auto Waits"
20. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms given in the brackets.
 1. The shop ____ at nine o'clock every morning. (open)
 2. It ____ since morning. (rain)
 3. You ____ when I came to your house. (sleep)
 4. I thanked him for what he _____. (do)(b) Convert the following sentences into reported speech.
 1. "Get out of the car!" said the policeman.
 2. She said to me, "Do you speak English?"
 3. Mini said, "I have been writing this letter."(c) Change the following sentences from active voice to passive voice.
 1. They say that women live longer than men.
 2. We regret his decision.
 3. Who wrote it?
21. Read the following passage and answer the questions.

The most beautiful humming birds are found in the West Indies and South America. The crest of the tiny head of one of these shines like a sparkling crown of coloured light. The shades of colour that adorn its breast are equally brilliant. As the bird flits

from one object to another, it looks more like a bright flash of sunlight than it does like a living being. But, you ask, why are they called humming birds? It is because they make a soft, humming noise by the rapid motion of their wings—a motion so rapid, that as they fly, you can hardly see that they have wings.

One day when walking in the woods, I found the nest of one of the smallest humming birds. It was about half the size of a very small hen and lays egg, and it was attached to a twig no thicker than a steel knitting needle. It seemed to have been made of cotton fibres and was covered with the softest bits of leaf and bark. It had two eggs in it, and each was about as large as a small sugarplum. When you approach the spot where one of these birds has built its nest, it is necessary to be careful.

The mother bird will dart at you and try to peck your eyes. Its sharp beak may hurt your eyes most severely and even destroy your sight. The poor little thing knows no other way of defending its young, and instinct teaches it that you might carry off its nest if you find it.

Questions:

1. They are called humming birds because they make humming noise by the rapid_____ of their wings.

2. The nest of the hummingbird was about ____ size of a very small hen.

3. The nest of the humming bird is made of silk fibres and covered with bits of hay and bark. (True/False)?

4. You can hardly see that the humming birds have wings because of the:
(a) the rapid motion of their wings as they fly (b) humming noise as they fly
(c) invisible wings due to a bright flash of sunlight (d) shining colour of their wings.

5. Describe the nest of the humming birds.

6. Why do we need to be careful when nearing a humming bird's nest?

7. Pick from the passage the synonym for 'dart' (para 3).

8. Identify the meaning of the phrasal verb 'carry off' in the last sentence.

9. Write the antonym for the word 'brilliant'

10. 'a sparkling crown of coloured light'- Identify the part of speech for the word in the given sentence.

22. As a student, you would like open an account in the nearby State Bank of India. Write a conversation between you and an SBI bank manager about opening a savings bank account.
