

Department of English

M.PHIL. ENGLISH ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2012

Max. Time: 2 hours

Max. Marks: 75

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do **NOT** reveal your identity in any manner in any part of the answer book.
2. Enter your Hall Ticket Number on the **FIRST** page of **EACH** answer book. This paper comprises **THREE SECTIONS** in all. **SECTION I** is of an objective type. One third of a mark (**1/3**) will be deducted for every **WRONG** answer. **NO MARKS** will be deducted for questions **NOT ATTEMPTED**.
3. Write your answers **ONLY** in the space provided in the question paper. **NO** additional paper or answer book will be given.
4. Space for **ROUGH WORK** is provided on pages **20** and **21**.
5. This question paper contains **21** pages in all. **Ensure that all the pages** have been printed before you start answering.
6. At the end of the examination **RETURN ALL THREE SECTIONS** of the answer book to the invigilator.

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SECTION I: LANGUAGE SKILLS

[TOTAL MARKS 25]

There are **25** questions to answer.
All questions carry **ONE MARK** each.
Put a tick mark (✓) in the box against the correct answer.

Choose the right item from the options given below, filling in, correcting or replacing as necessary.

1. I'm not a very domestic sort of person. What this means is that the speaker _____
 - (a) prefers to have a domestic help.
 - (b) does not like home life very much.
 - (c) is a stay-at-home sort of person.
 - (d) doesn't like to leave home for work.

2. Kamala took the decision to resolve matters amicably before the meeting to _____ Mahesh from disrupting the proceedings.
 - (a) exempt
 - (b) prompt
 - (c) preempt
 - (d) promote

3. Each of the partners of the Company _____ to contribute in the mobilisation of deposits.
 - (a) was expected
 - (b) were expected
 - (c) be expected
 - (d) none of the above

4. Pick out the correct tense-forms of swell in the following series:
 - (a) swell, swelled, swollen
 - (b) swell, swelt, swelt
 - (c) swell, swelled, swelled
 - (d) swell, swolled, swollen

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5. Find the synonym for catadysmic

- (a) apocalyptic
- (b) systematic
- (c) deadly
- (d) systemic

6. Find the synonym for catachresis

- (a) correction
- (b) distortion
- (c) signification
- (d) explanation

7. The study of the principles and processes by which sentences are constructed in particular languages is called

- (a) syntax.
- (b) rhetoric.
- (c) structuralism.
- (d) morphology.

8. Pick the odd one out in the series.

- (a) century
- (b) central
- (c) centipede
- (d) cent

9. A _____ of paper needs to be bought.

- (a) choir
- (b) quore
- (c) quire
- (d) chora

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10. The poor man has to look after a large family of his own and his brother's, not to mention his old parents who live in the village. The phrase not to mention is used_____.

- (a) to introduce extra information
- (b) to mention something unpleasant
- (c) to introduce an irrelevant fact
- (d) not to mention but to inform

11. People _____ for their pensions assume they should invest a lot of their money in the stock market.

- (a) saving
- (b) save
- (c) saved
- (d) are saving

12. Look at the pairs of sentences below. Pick the correct option from the four:

A) All the participants have been classified into groups.

B) All the participants have been classified.

- (a) A is the better of the two sentences.
- (b) B is the better of the two sentences.
- (c) Both A and B are equally good.
- (d) Neither A nor B is a good sentence.

13. The study of words in a given language is called

- (a) lexical.
- (b) lexicology.
- (c) lexis.
- (d) lexicological.

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14. Find the antonym for exculpate

- (a) acquit
- (b) vindicate
- (c) clear
- (d) accuse

15. The bus-stop is just around the corner, it will take you just two minutes _____ foot.

- (a) on
- (b) by
- (c) neither (a) nor (b)
- (d) both (a) and (b)

16. The meeting was cancelled due to the absence of a quorum. A *quorum* is

- (a) a standard of behaviour.
- (b) the maximum number of people allowed at a meeting.
- (c) the minimum number of people required to hold a meeting.
- (d) lack of decorum.

17. Man's first walk on the moon made history.

The underlined phrase means:

- (a) history that was immediately forgotten.
- (b) was historically irrelevant to everyone other than those who did it.
- (c) was important enough to be featured in history books.
- (d) was not even recorded in historical documents.

18. Pick the odd one out in this series.

- (a) autocracy
- (b) automatic
- (c) autonomy
- (d) automobile

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19. The passive form of the sentence, 'The speaker held the microphone to his mouth' is

- (a) The microphone was holding up to the speakers' mouth.
- (b) Up to his mouth the speaker held the microphone.
- (c) The microphone was held up to the speaker's mouth.
- (d) The speaker's mouth to the microphone was held.

20. 'It seems very pretty', she said when she had finished it, 'but it's *rather* hard to understand!'

Choose the correct form of indirect speech.

- (a) She said it is pretty hard to understand, but did not finish it.
- (b) She said that it seemed very pretty but was rather hard to understand.
- (c) She said it seems very hard and finished it.
- (d) She finished it and said it is very pretty.

21. "I beg your pardon?" said Alice. "It isn't respectable to beg," said the King.

Choose the correct form of indirect speech.

- (a) Alice begs the King to pardon her with a lot of respect.
- (b) Alice respectfully begged the King to pardon her who did not respond.
- (c) Alice begged the King's pardon who replied that it wasn't respectable to beg.
- (d) The King responded by respectfully pardoning Alice's begging.

22. The study of meaning in language is

- (a) pedantics
- (b) semantics
- (c) romantics
- (d) dramatics

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23. Pick the odd one out in the series.

- (a) demonology
- (b) demography
- (c) democracy
- (d) demotic

24. Identify the figure of speech in the following sentence:

All hands to the deck.

- (a) metaphor
- (b) metonymy
- (c) synecdoche
- (d) hyperbole

25. Because of its location in the tropics Kenya _____ hot weather.

- (a) almost always experiences
- (b) experiences always almost
- (c) never experiences
- (d) almost experiences never

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SECTION: II

LITERATURE: ESSAY

[TOTAL MARKS 25]

Write an essay on any **ONE** of the following in the space provided on pages 9-14. Credit will be given for essays which are sharply focused and suitably illustrated.

1. Is there an Indian Way of Reading?
 2. The Rediscovery of English Metaphysical Poetry in the 20th Century
 3. The Myriad-minded Shakespeare
 4. The Eighteenth Century as the Age of the Novel
 5. Freedom and Fiction AND the Fiction of Freedom
 6. The Popular in the Postcolonial
 7. Mimesis
 8. Gender and Genre
 9. As Others see US
 10. The Discipline of Cultural Studies
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