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Model Paper 2017**

M.A Linguistics

Max. Marks: 100

Time allotted: 2 hours

Given below are ONLY sample questions. These questions may not quite reflect the level of difficulty of questions in the main question paper.

Notes and Instructions:

- a. The question paper has **three** sections: **A, B, and C**.
- b. Section A has 20 questions on **English Language Ability**, Section B has 10 questions on **Analytical Skills/Logical Reasoning** and Section C has 20 questions on **Linguistic Aptitude**.
- c. Each question carries 2 marks.
- d. Answer ALL the questions.

SECTION A: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY

Read the following passage and choose the most appropriate word/phrase to fill in the blanks in the passage.

Some people say that the best defense is a good offense; an octopus, however, would ___1___. In addition to being one of the strangest and most beautiful creatures in nature, the octopus has some of the most inventive and ___2___ defense mechanisms imaginable. While other animals have teeth, horns, or claws to help defend them from predators the octopus concentrates its energy on hiding from and confusing its attackers. When it wants to get away, the octopus has an impressive arsenal of tricks ___3___ .

The most ___4___ of the octopus's defense mechanisms is its ability to squirt clouds of ink into the water. Some octopi use this cloud of ink as camouflage after squirting the ink, the octopus ___5___ into the ink cloud where the predator cannot see it. If a large, intelligent predator such as a shark knows that octopi use ink clouds, it might simply attack the ink cloud blindly, hoping to ___6___ the octopus inside. However, some sneaky octopi will release the ink cloud in one direction and scurry away in another direction, leaving the predator with nothing but a mouthful of ink. The ink also can shut down a predator's sense of smell. If an octopus cannot be seen or smelled, it has a much higher chance of ___7___ an attack.

1. A. agree
 B. dispute
 C. confer
 D. disagree

2. A. affective
 B. effectual
 C. effective
 D. affected

- 3 A. at its service
 B. at its disposal
 C. at its command
 D. at hand

4. A. well-known
 B. renowned
 C. famous
 D. well-defined

5. A. resides
 B. retreats

- C. retires
D. recedes
6. A. get in touch with
B. get through to
C. get access to
D. make contact with
7. A. preventing
B. avoiding
C. confronting
D. stopping
8. If this beautiful mansion were mine, I _____ a large pool on the terrace.
A. would have
B. ought to have
C. might have
D. should have
9. The artist created a _____ sculpture.
A. shiny stainless steel fantastic huge
B. fantastic shiny stainless steel huge
C. huge fantastic shiny stainless steel
D. fantastic huge shiny stainless steel

Identify the closest meaning of the italicized word.

10. He accused me of stealing his phone until he found it, and now he's trying to *sweep it under the rug*.
A. He is trying to hide the phone.
B. He is trying to do something to make up for his mistake.
C. He is trying to pretend nothing has happened.
D. He is trying to apologize and make up.

Read the sentences given below. Decide if there is an error in any of the underlined parts, marked A, B, and C. If yes, mark that letter. If there is no error, mark D.

11. I asked why / was he not willing / to join us for dinner / No error.
A B C D
12. I care less about / what others think of me / while I get older / No error.
A B C D
13. The teacher / gave each of the student / a different assignment / No error.
A B C D

14. Arrange the five sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

- P. Using ultraviolet light, the samples were then exposed to a dose equivalent to 90 minutes of midday summer sun in the French Riviera.
- Q. Data confirm that the strawberry extract displays photoprotective properties in skin cell cultures exposed to ultraviolet rays.
- R. A team of Italian researchers have found that strawberry extract added to skin cell cultures acts as a protector against ultraviolet radiation.
- S. The team prepared human skin cell cultures and added strawberry extract different concentrations.
- T. This means that creams can now be made from strawberries to protect against sunburn.

- A. SRPQT
- B. SRQTP
- C. RSPQT
- D. RSQTP

15. Read the short paragraph and say which of these statements can be inferred from the paragraph.

That large animals require a luxuriant vegetation, has been a general assumption which has passed from one study to another; but I do not hesitate to say that it is completely false, and that it has vitiated the reasoning of geologists on some points of great interest in the ancient history of the world. The prejudice has probably been derived from India, and the Indian islands, where troops of elephants, noble forests, and impenetrable jungles, are associated together in every one's mind.

- A. Large animals live in habitats with more food.
- B. Large animals do not require much food.
- C. No relationship exists between large animals and the nature of vegetation in their habitats.
- D. Indian elephants do not actually live in forests and jungles.

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- 20.....

SECTION B: ANALYTICAL SKILLS/ LOGICAL REASONING

21. A bus starts from city X. The number of women in the bus is half of the number of men. In city Y, 10 men leave the bus and five women enter. Now number of men and women is equal. In the beginning, how many passengers entered the bus?

- A. 25.
- B. 35
- C. 45
- D. 55

22. CMM, EOO, GQQ, _____, KUU

- A. GRR
- B. GSS
- C. ISS
- D. ITT

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25. Marathon is to race as hibernation is to

- A. winter
- B. bear
- C. dream
- D. sleep

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28. Find the number which when added to itself 13 times, gives 112.

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 8

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30. A four-person crew from Classic Colors is painting Mr. Field's house. Michael is painting the front of the house. Ross is in the alley behind the house painting the back. Jed is painting the window frames on the north side, Shawn is on the south. If Michael switches places with

- A. in the alley behind the house
- B. on the north side of the house
- C. in front of the house
- D. on the south side of the house

Jed, and Jed then switches places with Shawn, where is Shawn?

SECTION C: LINGUISTIC ABILITY

Pick the odd one out from the list.

31. A. ineffective B. incompetent C. inflammable (D) indecisive

A.

B.

C.

D.

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34. Here are some words translated from an artificial language.

granamelke means big tree

pinimelke means little tree

melkehoon means tree house

Which word could mean "big house"?

A. granahoon

B. pinishur

C. pinihoon

D. melkegrana

35. Here are some words translated from an artificial language.

moolokarn means blue sky

wilkospadi means bicycle race

moolowilko means blue bicycle

Which word could mean "racecar"?

A. wilkozwet

B. Spadiwilko

C. moolobreil

D. spadivolo

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38. The sentence 'Colorless green ideas sleep furiously'

A. is grammatically correct but does not mean anything

- B. is grammatically incorrect and does not mean anything
- C. is grammatically incorrect but is meaningful
- D. s grammatical and meaningful

39. In which of these sentences is John not a doer of an action?

- A. John is afraid of snakes.
- B. John killed the snake.
- C. John cut the trees in the forest.
- D. John build a house in the forest.

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42. *Harry loves his wife, and so does John.* This sentence

- A. has no meaning
- B. has one clear meaning
- C. has two meanings
- D. is grammatically incorrect

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45. A related pair of words is followed by four pairs of words. Select the pair that expresses a relationship that comes nearest to the one expressed by the original pair.

patient: patience ::

- A. virtue: virtuous
- B. calm: calmly
- C. passionate: passion
- D. empower: power

46. bead: bid ::

- A. pull: pool
- B. keen: kin
- C. lag: log
- D. wait: wet

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49. The word 'enrich' is :

- A. a verb formed from a noun
- B. an adverb formed from an adjective
- C. a verb formed from an adjective
- D. an adjective formed from a verb

50. In which of these the prefix 'mis' has a different meaning?

- A. mistreat
- B. misshapen
- C. misbehave
- D. mistaken