

## English for Competitive Examinations.

### 2 Marks.

- (1)
  - a) please give me \_\_\_\_\_ cup of coffee.
  - b) cricket is \_\_\_\_\_ interesting game.
- 2) Suitable Articles.
  - a) I went to \_\_\_\_\_ School, to meet an old friend.
  - b) Let us go for \_\_\_\_\_ outing at the weekend.
- 3) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense forms of the verbs in brackets.
  - a) I saw a kite \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) in the sky.
  - b) While she \_\_\_\_\_ to the the radio news, her husband returned. (listen)
4. Fill in the blanks.
  - a) They \_\_\_\_\_ (marry) for ten years, when I first met them.
5. In each of the following sentences supply a verb in agreement with its subject.
  - a) To take pay and then to do work \_\_\_\_\_ dishonest.
  - b) The cost of all these articles \_\_\_\_\_ risen.

26. In each of the following sentences supply a verb in agreement with its subject:

a) The accountant and the cashier \_\_\_\_\_ absconded.

b) There \_\_\_\_\_ many objections to the plan.

7. Add appropriate tag questions to the following statement.

a) Your father isn't a doctor, \_\_\_\_\_?

b) They didn't pay their fees, \_\_\_\_\_?

8. Question tags:-

a) I am taller than you, \_\_\_\_\_?

b) you will attend the Marriage, \_\_\_\_\_?

9. Complete the sentence with the correct words.

a) The king came to the court and sat on the \_\_\_\_\_ (throne, thrown).

b) The bank is on the first floor of a seven \_\_\_\_\_ (story, storey).

10. Complete the sentence with the correct words.

a) The railway budget has proposed a hike in \_\_\_\_\_ (flight, freight) charges.

b) Her feet were \_\_\_\_\_ (bone, bear).

3 11. Idioms :-

- a) Apple of eye.
- b) zenith of power.

12. Idioms :

- a) yes-man
- b) Pandora's Box.

13. one word substitution.

- a) Iconoclast
- b) Emigrant.

14. Give the Meaning to the following words:-  
and create

- a) plutomania
- b) infanticide

15. Error Correction:-

- a) Australia is an European Country.
- b) A lot of people prefers tea to coffee.

16. Error Correction:-

- a) The furniture are to be delivered today.
- b) 'The woodlanders' were written by Hardy.

4 17. Fill in the blanks choosing a word from the given options.

a) A sharp pair of scissors \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) needed for my work.

b) 'Jataka Tales' \_\_\_\_\_ (has/have) always interested me.

18. Fill in the blanks.

a) Hot and Sweet sauce \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) what Saro \_\_\_\_\_ (like/likes) with his bread.

19. Give the sentence to idioms.

a) All creek

b) To feather one's cap.

20. Fill in the blanks with correct preposition.

a) The man you were talking \_\_\_\_\_ is married \_\_\_\_\_ my cousin.

5 marks

1) Expand the proverb in 100 words.

Mad as a hatter. (or) Quick on the draw

5 2) Error Correcting.

- a) What are the Latest news?
- b) one of the boys in our class have won the prize.
- c) They have only little Money.
- d) Many of the eggs is Stolen.
- e) The next flight may be at 7.00 tomorrow Morning.

3) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:-

The barber was not at fault in having refused to cut my hair. There was every chance of his losing his custom, if he should serve black men. We do not allow our barbers to serve our untouchable brethren. I got the reward of this in south Africa, not once, but many times, and the conviction that it was the punishment for our sins saved me from becoming angry.

Questions.

1. What did the barber refuse to do?
2. Why did Gandhi say that the barber was not at fault?
3. What is the reward spoken by Gandhi?
4. What conviction did Gandhi have?
5. What was the result of the conviction?

6 4) Use the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own.

- a) A burning question
- b) Add fuel to the fire
- c) A flying visit
- d) Call a spade, a spade
- e) To nip in the bud.

5) Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the pair given in the brackets.

- a) A wooden table costs more than a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Steel, steal) table.
- b) Heart attack caused his sudden \_\_\_\_\_  
(disease, decease).
- c) Non-vegetarians eat \_\_\_\_\_ (meat, meet).
- d) The prisoner is put in his \_\_\_\_\_ (cell, sell).
- e) payments can be made by \_\_\_\_\_ (cheque, check).

7 b) Add suitable question tags to the following sentences.

a) you haven't heard of it, \_\_\_\_\_?

b) He went there yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_?

c) He didn't become an engineer, \_\_\_\_\_?

d) you were present there \_\_\_\_\_?

e) I shall meet him \_\_\_\_\_?

7) Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions.

a) Lakshmi comes \_\_\_\_\_ Kerala.

b) Everybody looked \_\_\_\_\_ her beauty.

c) The dog was crushed \_\_\_\_\_ the wheels.

d) He has been smoking \_\_\_\_\_ last week.

e) He jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the horse.

8) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the tenses.

a) We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the zoo tomorrow.

b) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (trouble) me.

c) Do not leave before I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you to go.

d) I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him in many places.

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8) My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) me a gift.

9) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and prepositions.

a) There is \_\_\_\_\_ milk in the bowl.

b) Can I have some coffee and \_\_\_\_\_ few biscuits?

c) The seedling grew \_\_\_\_\_ a tree in just three years.

d) In the morning, father goes \_\_\_\_\_ a walk.

e) Mohan did not attend the class \_\_\_\_\_ Monday.

10) Fill in the blanks with Homophones and Homonyms.

a) The rider controlled the horse using the \_\_\_\_\_ (Reins, rains)

b) The only \_\_\_\_\_ (Heir, hair) to the large estate was killed in an accident.

c) What is the \_\_\_\_\_ (cost, cast) of this book?

d) He was \_\_\_\_\_ (born, borne) on Monday.

e) The matter was decided in the Academic \_\_\_\_\_ (Council, Counsel) meeting.



## 10 Marks

1) Reading the following passage and Make notes:

Stragaha differs from passive Resistance as the North pole from the south. The latter has been conceived as a weapon of the weak and does not exclude the use of physical force or violence for the purpose of gaining one's end where as the former has been conceived as a weapon of the strongest and excludes the use of violence in any shape or form.

2) Read the following proverbs / ideas and their meanings. write a paragraphs in 100 words.

(or) Expand the following in 100 words.

a) Don't Count chickens.

you should never count chickens before they are hatched - not all eggs may break into chicks - some may be rotten too - so too never build castles in the air - for without foundation, a castle will break - any dreams without handwork will not be fruitful - do not anticipate things - lets cross the bridge only when we come to it - never plan things too early - it may not work out.

10. 3) Write an essay on the importance of TV advertisements:-

4) Write a letter to your aunt telling her why you are unable to accept her invitation to spend the vacation with her.

5) Error Correction:-

- a) Time and tide wait for no man.
- b) Gold and silver is precious metal.
- c) Is your father and mother at home?
- d) The united States have a big navy.
- e) Great pains has been taken.

Replacing a wordy expression with a single word and give the Meaning:

- a) Lithography
- b) Seismograph
- c) Entomophobia
- d) fratricide
- e) plutomania

11 b) Write a formal letter to a publisher placing an order for some books.

7) Fill in the blanks with correct answers.

a) Articles

(i) I want \_\_\_\_\_ pen and a paper

(ii) There are \_\_\_\_\_ dark clouds in the sky.

b) preposition

(i) Balu goes \_\_\_\_\_ School by bus.

(ii) She has been looking at the mirror for \_\_\_\_\_ hour.

c) (i) The visitors \_\_\_\_\_ (make) the house dirty.

(ii) Have you \_\_\_\_\_ the cows? (feed).

d) Question tag.

(i) you have taken the medicine, \_\_\_\_\_?

(ii) They are still here, \_\_\_\_\_?

e) Build the sentence with idioms.

(i) From scratch

(ii) kith and kin

12) 8) Write a letter to your friend explaining why you could not attend the party at his house.

9) Write an Essay: Students and Social Service.

10) Identify the idioms in the following sentences and find out their meaning.

1. He spent almost half an hour telling us about himself and what he had done. Yes, he is pretty good at blowing his own trumpet.

2. Old customs and superstitions die hard.

3. Could you get the hang of what she was saying?

4. She cannot expect to be treated any differently from the other employees; she will have to either toe the line or leave.

5. There was much speculation about the purpose of constant meeting between the managers of the two firms, until one of them let the cat out of the bag by casually referring to the possibility of a merger.